

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 1602

S.P. 518

In Senate, March 20, 1997

**An Act Regarding the Division of Safety and Environmental Services in  
the Bureau of General Services.**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative GAGNON of Waterville.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742-E is enacted to read:

**§1742-E. Bureau of General Services; asbestos, lead and indoor air quality assessment and mitigation services**

**1. Asbestos, lead and indoor air quality assessment and mitigation services.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services, Division of Safety and Environmental Services, shall provide asbestos, lead and indoor air quality assessment and mitigation services for public schools and state facilities. The Division of Safety and Environmental Services is the lead agency of the State for asbestos, lead and indoor air quality matters.

**2. Fee permitted.** The Division of Safety and Environmental Services may charge a fee for the services rendered pursuant to subsection 1.

**3. Special Revenue Fund.** The Special Revenue Fund in the Division of Safety and Environmental Services, referred to in this subsection as the fund, is established. Fees collected pursuant to subsection 2 and money received by the State in connection with claims relating to asbestos must be deposited in the fund. Revenue in the fund must be used to provide necessary training and licensing of division employees, to purchase necessary equipment and to sample and test asbestos, lead and other indoor air contaminants. The fund does not lapse but must be carried forward for the same purposes in succeeding years.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Division of Safety and Environmental Services</b>		
Positions - Legislative Count	(4,000)	(4,000)
Personal Services	\$116,500	\$163,160
All Other	222,000	206,000

Provides funds for the salary and fringe benefits of one Division Director position,

2 one Program Manager position, one Computer  
3 Programmer position and one Clerk Typist III  
4 position to provide asbestos, lead and  
5 indoor air quality assessment and mitigation  
6 services for public schools and state  
7 facilities. All Other appropriations  
8 include funds to retain consultants to aid  
9 in the assessment process. All Other  
10 appropriations in fiscal year 1997-98  
11 include funds for office furniture and  
12 computers.

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14 **DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
15 FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
16 **TOTAL**

                      
\$338,500

                      
\$369,160

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**SUMMARY**

21 This bill provides that the Department of Administrative and  
22 Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services,  
23 Division of Safety and Environmental Services, shall provide  
24 asbestos, lead and indoor air quality assessment and mitigation  
25 services for public schools and state facilities. The bill  
26 provides funding for the division and allows the division to  
27 charge a fee for its services. The bill establishes the Special  
28 Revenue Fund in the Division of Safety and Environmental  
29 Services, into which fees collected by the division and money  
30 received by the State in connection with claims relating to  
31 asbestos must be deposited. Revenue in the fund must be used to  
32 provide necessary training and licensing of division employees,  
33 to purchase necessary equipment and to sample and test asbestos,  
34 lead and other indoor air contaminants.