

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 665

S.P. 243

In Senate, January 26, 1999

**An Act to Protect the Environment by Phasing Out the Use of Old  
Transformers that are Potential Sources of PCB Pollution.**

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Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative COWGER of Hallowell and  
Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, KILKELLY of Lincoln, TREAT of Kennebec,  
Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, ETNIER of Harpswell, MARTIN of Eagle Lake,  
McKEE of Wayne, SHIAH of Bowdoinham.

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §419-B is enacted to read:

**§419-B. Prohibition on the use of transformers that contain polychlorinated biphenyls**

A public utility that owns a transformer that was manufactured before 1965 and that contains polychlorinated biphenyls shall replace the transformer or remove the polychlorinated biphenyls from the transformer. It is the goal of the State that the requirement in this section be met within 4 years of the effective date of this section.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires a public utility that owns a transformer manufactured before 1965 that contains polychlorinated biphenyls, PCBs, to replace the transformer or remove the PCBs from the transformer. It establishes as a goal that this requirement be met within 4 years.