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House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Make the Laws Governing State Ambient Air Quality for
Ozone and Particulate Matter Consistent with Federal Requirements.**

Submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.
Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Gray, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §584-A, sub-§1, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced
by PL 1989, c. 155, §1, is amended to read:

6 A. The level of the 24-hour particulate matter ambient air
8 quality standard is 150 micrograms per cubic meter, as
10 measured in the ambient air as PM₁₀, based on methods
contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50,
Appendix J M.

12 ~~The standards are attained when the expected number of days~~
14 ~~per calendar year with a 24-hour average concentration above~~
16 ~~average of the 99th percentile of the 24-hour concentrations~~
18 ~~measured each calendar year for a 3-year period does not~~
~~exceed~~ 150 micrograms per cubic meter, as determined in
accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50,
Appendix K, ~~is equal to or less than one N;~~ and

20 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §584-F, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 306,
22 §3, is amended to read:

24 **1. Dissemination of warnings to media.** Whenever monitored
26 data demonstrates or the department predicts that ground-level
ozone concentrations have exceeded or will exceed ~~81~~ **84** parts per
28 billion ~~averaged over an 8-hour period,~~ the department shall
30 disseminate a health warning to the mass media, including
32 television, radio and print media, and shall urge the media to
issue the warning to the general public. The department shall
use best efforts to educate the media as to the need to broadly
disseminate health warnings to the public.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill amends the air quality laws in Maine by changing
38 the standards for particulate matter and its threshold for ozone
advisories to be consistent with new federal standards.