

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 504

S.P. 160

In Senate, February 6, 2001

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### An Act to Establish the State's Recycling and Waste Reduction Goals.

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Submitted by the State Planning Office pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources 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 TREAT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative TOBIN of Windham and  
Senators: DAGGETT of Kennebec, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: BULL of  
Freeport, CHICK of Lebanon, ESTES of Kittery, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1309**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. E, §19, is further amended to read:

6 **§1309. Interstate cooperation**

8 The Legislature encourages cooperative activities by the  
10 department and the agency office with other states for the  
12 improved management of hazardous and solid waste; for improved,  
14 and as far as is practicable, uniform state laws relating to the  
management of hazardous and solid waste; and compacts between  
this and other states for the improved management of hazardous  
and solid waste.

16 **Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §2132, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 465,  
18 Pt. A, §41 and affected by Pt. C, §2, is further amended to read:

20 **1. State recycling goal.** It is the policy goal of the  
22 State to recycle or compost, by January 1, 1998 2003, 50% of the  
municipal solid waste tonnage generated each year within the  
State.

24 **Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §2132, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

26 **1-A. State waste reduction goal.** It is the goal of the  
28 State to reduce the annual generation of municipal solid waste  
tonnage by 5% by January 1, 2003 and by an additional 5% every  
30 subsequent 2 years. This reduction in solid waste tonnage, after  
January 1, 2003, is a biennial goal. The baseline for  
32 calculating this reduction is the 1999 solid waste generation  
data gathered by the office.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 Consistent with the directive of the Maine Revised Statutes,  
38 Title 38, section 2132, subsection 2, this bill establishes a  
40 waste reduction goal to be met by January 1, 2003 and delays the  
date by which the State is to meet the 50% recycling goal. It  
also corrects a reference to the State Planning Office.