

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 969

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

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**An Act to Ban the Sale of Fever Thermometers that Contain Mercury.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BULL of Freeport.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, COWGER of Hallowell, CUMMINGS of Portland,  
DORR of Camden, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MUSE of South  
Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1671 is enacted to read:**

6 **§1671. Restrictions on the sale and use of mercury fever  
thermometers**

8 On or after the effective date of this section, a mercury  
10 fever thermometer may not be sold or otherwise transferred to a  
12 person. For purposes of this section, "mercury fever  
14 thermometer" means a thermometer that contains mercury for the  
purpose of measuring body temperature, but does not include a  
thermometer containing mercury solely within a button cell  
battery.

16 **SUMMARY**

18 **This bill prohibits the sale or transfer of mercury fever**  
20 **thermometers.**