

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 1, 2005

### An Act To Set Emission Limits for Certain Architectural Coatings

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAIGLE of Arundel, HOTHAM of Dixfield, Senators:  
DAVIS of Piscataquis, PERRY of Penobscot, WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §585-J** is enacted to read:

6 **§585-J. Architectural coatings**

8 **1. Manufactured on or after January 1, 2006.** A person may  
10 not manufacture, blend or repackage for sale within the State,  
12 supply, sell or offer for sale within the State or solicit for  
14 application or apply within the State, any architectural or  
16 industrial maintenance coating manufactured on or after January  
18 1, 2006 that contains volatile organic compounds in excess of  
20 limits specified in this subsection. Limits are expressed in  
grams of volatile organic compounds per liter of coating thinned  
to the manufacturer's maximum recommendation, excluding the  
volume of any water, exempt compounds or colorant added to tint  
bases. "Manufacturer's maximum recommendation" means the maximum  
recommendation for thinning that is indicated on the label or lid  
of the coating container.

22 A. Interior wood clear and semitransparent stains may not  
24 contain volatile organic compounds in excess or 550 grams  
per liter.

26 B. Varnishes may not contain volatile organic compounds in  
excess of 450 grams per liter.

28 C. Sanding sealers may not contain volatile organic  
30 compounds in excess of 550 grams per liter.

32 D. Exterior wood primers recommended for application to  
34 exterior wood or wood-based surfaces may not contain  
volatile organic compounds in excess of 350 grams per liter.

36 E. Floor coatings may not contain volatile organic  
compounds in excess of 400 grams per liter.

38 **2. Manufactured prior to January 1, 2006.** An architectural  
40 or industrial maintenance coating manufactured prior to January  
42 1, 2006 may be sold, supplied, offered for sale or applied after  
44 January 1, 2006 as long as the architectural or industrial  
maintenance coating complies with the standards in effect at the  
time the coating was manufactured, and the coating displays the  
date of manufacture on the lid, label or bottom of the container.

46 **3. Rulemaking.** The department shall adopt rules to  
implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section

2 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
3 subchapter 2-A.

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### 6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill establishes limits on the amount of volatile  
8 organic compounds that may be contained in architectural or  
9 industrial maintenance coatings sold, manufactured or used in the  
10 State.