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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 581

In Senate, March 3, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Brewer of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Approved Listing of Certain Appliances, Compounds, Powders and Liquids.

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

R. S., c. 85, §§ 42-A, 42-B, additional. Chapter 85 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 42-A and 42-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 42-A. Approval of certain appliances; exception; penalty. No heating, cooking or refrigerating appliances consuming flammable liquids, flammable liquid compounds with flash point of 200° Fahrenheit or under, liquefied petroleum gases, artificial, natural or manufactured gases shall be sold or offered for sale, in this state unless such appliances have the approved listing of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., the American Gas Association Testing Laboratories, or the department of industrial corporation at the University of Maine. The expense of obtaining such approval shall be paid by the manufacturers or distributors of such appliances.

This section shall not apply to those types of heating units such as bunsen burners, torches, flares, urn burners, etc., which are not an integral part of the appliance. Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 42-B. Approval of certain compounds; penalty. No individual, partnership or corporation shall sell or offer for sale in this state any type of flame retardant or flame proofing compound, powder or liquid, or any fire extinguisher, or any compound, powder or liquid utilized for fire extinguishing purposes unless such product has the approval of the insurance commissioner. In determining if such product shall be approved the insurance commissioner may utilize the laboratory facilities of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or the department of industrial cooperation at the University of Maine.

The expense involved in ascertaining if such product shall be approved shall be paid by the individual, partnership, or corporation selling or offering the same for sale.

Any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.'