

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, solid waste disposal remains a critical problem for many Maine communities; and

Whereas, cone burner designs have improved in recent years and may be suitable as alternative means of solid waste disposal; and

Whereas, these burners must, pursuant to federal law, be in compliance with standards; and

Whereas, Maine law does not provide authority to the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt these standards; and

Whereas, some communities in Maine may be subject to federal penalties by July 1, 1979 for failure to comply with federal air emission standards; and

Whereas, these communities need the immediate assistance of the Department of Environmental Protection to enable them to deminish expected penalties and comply with emission standards; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

38 MRSA § 607, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, § 212, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Cone burners. The Department of Environmental Protection shall have the authority to assist municipalities and set the emission standards for the use of cone burner incineration for the disposal of municipal solid waste.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 22, 1979

CHAPTER 536

H. P. 613 — L. D. 777

AN ACT to Encourage the Historic Preservation at the Statehouse and Blaine House.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 15-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 15-A

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OF STATEHOUSE AND BLAINE HOUSE

§ 321. Declaration of policy

The Legislature, in view of the continuing importance which the Statehouse and the Blaine House have for the people of Maine, declares that it is the policy of the State of Maine to preserve and develop the aesthetic and historical integrity of the Statehouse and the Blaine House.

Sec. 2. Study authorized. The Historic Preservation Commission shall conduct research on the history of the Statehouse and Blaine House. Not later than January 15, 1981, the commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on State Government the results of its research and any recommendations on the preservation and development of the aesthetic and historical integrity of the Statehouse and Blaine House.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purpose of this Act. Any balance available at the end of the first fiscal year shall be carried forward to continue to conduct the study authorized by this Act.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Unallocated

\$2,500

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 537

H. P. 1100 — L. D. 1352

AN ACT Relating to the Management of the Department of Attorney General.

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

5 MRSA § 711, sub-§ 1, ¶ I, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 674, § 6, is amended to read: