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ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL SUMMARY



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LD: 1589

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR MAJOR APPLIANCES SOLD IN MAINE

CASHMAN  
ANDREWS  
WEBSTER M  
COLES

ND of 837

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 312

S-145 SA USHER H S

SUMMARY:

This bill is a new draft of LD 837. The original bill would have required the OER to adopt minimum energy efficiency standards by June 1, 1986 covering oil, gas and electric hot water heaters, gas and oil furnaces, freezers and refrigerator-freezers. After June 1, 1987 no new appliance could be sold or installed in the State unless it was in compliance with the standards.

The new draft establishes in law (rather than by OER rule) minimum energy efficiency standards for new gas and electric hot water heaters, gas furnaces, freezers and refrigerator-freezers. After January 1, 1988 it will be unlawful to sell or install any of those appliances which are not in compliance with the standards established in the new draft.

LD: 1598 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF HIGHER EFFICIENCY LAUNDRY DETERGENTS

CLARK N  
PERKINS  
DAVIS  
HAYDEN

HOUSE Enacted  
SENATE Enacted  
GOV SIGNED

PUBLIC  
CH # 332

SUMMARY:

The bill was engrossed without reference to committee. The Committee did discuss the bill informally. The bill allows the use of phosphate detergents with high concentrations of phosphorus if the quantity recommended for use does not exceed 7 grams per washer load.