

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

S.P. 118 - L.D. 268

An Act To Eliminate Online Burn Permit Fees for All Areas of the State

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9326, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 449, §3, is further amended to read:

A person may apply for a permit to burn using the Internet or as otherwise provided in this article. When a person applies for and is issued a permit electronically pursuant to this section, a fee of \$7 must be paid. ~~From the \$7 fee, \$4 must be deposited in the General Fund, \$2 must be transferred to the municipality in which the permit is issued and the remainder of \$1 must be used to cover administrative costs. For a permit issued in the unorganized and deorganized areas, from the \$7 fee, \$6 must be deposited in the General Fund and the remainder of \$1 must be used to cover administrative costs~~ may not be charged.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9327, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 449, §4, is amended to read:

6. Private party burn permit software to be provided at no charge. A vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system may not charge a municipality for use of private party burn permit software approved under subsection 1.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funding for an online burn permit system from InforME.

| GENERAL FUND | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
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| All Other | \$7,200 | \$9,600 |
| GENERAL FUND TOTAL | \$7,200 | \$9,600 |