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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

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

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

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

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

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill provides that a person may not be charged a fee to obtain a burn permit online.

19 It allows a vendor or owner of a private party burn permit software system to charge a  
20 municipality for use of private party burn permit software.