

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

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H.P. 1306 - L.D. 2044

An Act to Update Air Quality Health Warnings

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §584-F, as amended by PL 1999, c. 79, §2, is further amended to read:

§584-F. ~~Ozone~~ Air quality health warnings

1. Dissemination of warnings to media and public. Whenever ~~monitored data demonstrates or~~ the department predicts that ~~ground-level ozone~~ ambient air concentrations have exceeded or of a pollutant will exceed ~~.08 parts per million averaged over an 8-hour period~~ reach the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Air Quality Index category of Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or a higher category, the department shall disseminate a health warning to the mass media, including but not limited to television, radio and print media, and shall urge the media to issue the warning to the general public. The department shall use best efforts to educate the media as to the need to broadly disseminate health warnings to the public. In disseminating a warning under this subsection, the department shall also use the most appropriate technology available to disseminate health warnings directly to the public.

2. ~~Telephone hot line~~ Daily ground-level ozone concentration information. The department shall provide information to the public on daily ground-level ozone concentrations by a toll-free ozone information telephone ~~hot line~~ hotline or through other appropriate technology.