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An Act To Ensure the Safety of Facilities Dispensing Flammable Liquids

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2481, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 652, §9, is amended to read:

5. Permit.   "Permit" means the nontransferable permission granted by the commissioner <u>for a person</u> to install, construct or otherwise establish an aboveground flammable liquid storage facility <u>or any facility that dispenses flammable liquids</u>.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2483, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 652, §9, is amended to read:

§ 2483. Permits; requirements; fees

A person may not install, construct or otherwise establish an aboveground flammable liquid storage facility <u>or any facility that dispenses flammable liquids</u> without a permit. The commissioner shall issue a permit to a person who:

1. Application.   Submits to the commissioner a completed application form furnished by the commissioner <u>accompanied by any required fees</u>; ~~and~~

2. Construction plans; technical specifications.   Submits with the application a complete set of construction plans and technical specifications showing the layout of the aboveground flammable liquid storage facility~~.~~<u>or any other facility that dispenses flammable liquids; and</u>

<u>3</u>. <u>Compliance.</u>   <u>Demonstrates compliance with all rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.</u>

Sec. 3. Applicability to existing facilities. Each existing facility dispensing flammable liquids that was constructed prior to the effective date of this Act and does not have a permit required by this Act shall submit a permit application within 120 days after the effective date of this Act.

SUMMARY

The bill requires that a permit be obtained prior to installing, constructing or establishing any flammable liquid dispensing facility. Already existing facilities also would need to apply for a permit.