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House of Representatives, March 3, 2015

An Act To Achieve Regional Uniformity in Sulfur Standards for Heating Oil

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GREENWOOD of
Wales, HARLOW of Portland, O'CONNOR of Berwick, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis,
DILL of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §603-A, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2013, c. 300, §15, is
3 further amended to read:

4 A. The sulfur content for liquid fossil fuels is as follows.

5 (1) In the Central Maine, Downeast, Aroostook County and Northwest Maine
6 Air Quality Control Regions and the Metropolitan Portland Air Quality Control
7 Region outside the Portland Peninsula Air Quality Control Region, a person may
8 not use any residual fuel oil with a sulfur content greater than 2.0% by weight;
9 beginning January 1, 2018, the limit for those regions is 0.5% by weight.

10 (2) In the Portland Peninsula Air Quality Control Region, a person may not use
11 any residual fuel oil with a sulfur content greater than 1.5% by weight; beginning
12 January 1, 2018, the limit for that region is 0.5% by weight.

13 (3) Statewide, a person may not use a distillate fuel:

14 (a) Beginning July 1, 2016, with a sulfur content greater than 0.005% by
15 weight; and

16 (b) Beginning ~~January~~ July 1, 2018, with a sulfur content greater than
17 0.0015% by weight.

18 The sulfur content requirements in this subparagraph do not apply to the use of
19 distillate fuel for manufacturing purposes.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill delays by 6 months the implementation of the statewide prohibition on the
22 use of any but ultra low sulfur distillate fuel.