An Act To Improve Maine’s Air Quality and Reduce Regional Haze at Acadia National Park and Other Federally Designated Class 1 Areas

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §603-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 95, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Prohibitions. Except as provided in subsections 4 and 9, a person may not use any liquid fossil fuel with a sulfur content exceeding the limits in paragraph A or any solid fossil fuel with a sulfur content to heat content ratio exceeding the limits of paragraph B.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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