

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 **Legislative Document**

No. 1889

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8 H. P. 1904 House of Representatives, January 27, 1982
Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for con-
currence and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.

Cosponsors: Representative Wentworth of Wells, Senator Hichens
of York and Representative Tuttle of Sanford.

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11 **STATE OF MAINE**
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13 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
14 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
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16 **AN ACT to Repeal the Maine Bid Preference**
17 **Law.**
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 5 MRSA §1816, sub - §10, as amended by PL 1979, c. 586,
21 §§1 and 2, is repealed.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 This bill repeals that subsection of the state purchas-
24 ing statute known as the Maine bid preference law. Cur-
25 rently, under this law, if a Maine firm's bid is within 5%
26 of that of an out-of-state firm that is the lowest bidder,
27 the Maine firm will be given the bid if it will reduce its
28 bid to meet that of the out-of-state firm. While the bid
29 preference program has helped some Maine firms it has also
30 hurt others whose bids on state projects in other states are

1 being categorically rejected by those states in retaliation
2 for Maine's bid preference law.

3 This bill does not affect the existing bid preference
4 offered to bidders who are Maine sheltered workshops.

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