

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (Governor's Bill)  
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1977**  
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8 H. P. 2006 House of Representatives, February 12, 1982  
Referred to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for  
concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

9 Presented by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield.

Cosponsors: Representative Perkins of Brooksville and Senator  
Clark of Cumberland.  
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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 Reduce Burdensome Fees for**  
17 **Businesses Incorporating or Expanding**  
18 **with No Par Value Stock.**  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 13-A MRSA §1403, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1971, c.  
22 439, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

23 B. If the corporation is to have authorized stock  
24 without par value: For purposes of calculating the fee  
25 for authorized stocks having no stated par value, a  
26 value of \$10 shall be assumed for each share. The for-  
27 mula specified in paragraph A for calculation of the  
28 fee for authorized stock which does have a par value  
29 will then be applied to the assigned \$10 per share  
30 value.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 Under current law, corporations with a large number of  
3 shares of stock having no stated par value are penalized by  
4 excessive fees for incorporation or increasing the number of  
5 authorized shares.

6 The result is that firms may choose not to expand the  
7 number of shares or not to incorporate in Maine.

8 The discrimination against firms with no-par stock  
9 serves no public purpose.

10 This bill treats these firms as if their stock had a  
11 stated par value of \$10 a share.

12 Although the fees for corporations with a large number  
13 of authorized shares of no-par stock will decrease, there  
14 probably will be no fiscal loss to the State since corpora-  
15 tions are not conducting these transactions here under the  
16 current law.

17 It is anticipated that there will be no fiscal impact.

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