

1 2	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
3 4	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
5	Legislative Document No. 180
7	H.P. 155 House of Representatives, January 13, 1983
8	Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
10	EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
11	Presented by Representative Dillenback of Cumberland.
12 13	STATE OF MAINE
14 15 16	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
17 18 19 20	AN ACT to Amend the Banking Code Regarding Minimum Amount Entitled to Interest.
21 22	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
23 24	Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §523, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:
25 26 27 28 29 30 31	5. Eligibility for dividends. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, a savings bank may exclude from earnings or dividends any account or deposit having a withdrawal value of less than \$25, except a passbook savings account which is held by a minor and which has a withdrawal value of \$25 or more.
32 33 34	Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §723, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1	A. Any account or deposit except a passbook
2	savings account which is held by a minor and
3	which has a withdrawal or participating value of
4	\$25 or more; and
5	STATEMENT OF FACT
6	This bill eliminates the requirement that thrift

institutions pay interest on small accounts, except
when the account is in the name of a minor. There is
no comparable restriction imposed on trust companies.
Further, new state and federal laws have established
accounts with relatively high interest rates under
which banks are permitted to establish minimum deposits.

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