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Legislative Docum	nent	No. 2083
H.P. 1573	House of Repres	sentatives, February 15, 1984
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Whereas, the Legislature finds this action of the Maine Secondary School Principals' Association to be unnecessary and unfair; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore.

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

20-A MRSA §4407 is enacted to read:

§4407. Interscholastic athletics

A pupil shall be eligible to participate in any interscholastic secondary school athletic contest who is under 20 years of age at the time of participation or who is under 20 years of age at the end of the regular season and who is otherwise eligible under the eligibility rules adopted by the Maine Secondary School Principals' Association.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Secondary School Principals' Association has prohibited a basketball player, who has completed an entire regular season and who is otherwise eligible, from participating in post-season play after reaching his 20th year on February 23, 1984. This bill permits students who are otherwise eligible and who are under 20 years of age at the end of the regular season to participate in post-season tournaments.

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