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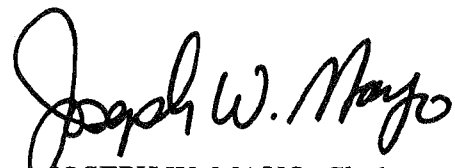
House of Representatives, February 9, 1998

**An Act to Clarify the Responsibilities of Certain Divisions in the
Department of Labor.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Holden, RICHARD of Madison,
Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, KIEFFER of Aroostook, MITCHELL of Penobscot,
RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1418, sub-§6-A** is enacted to read:

4 **6-A. Preference.** "Preference" means the final determining
6 factor when all other competitive factors or criteria are equal.

8 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1418-F, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
10 560, Pt. F, §13, is amended to read:

12 **1. Vending facility.** To install in that building or
14 property a vending facility whenever a vending facility may be
operated by a ~~blind-person~~ manager; and

16 **Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1418-I**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt.
F, §13, is amended to read:

18 **§1418-I. Construction; remodeling; planning for vending facility**

20 To carry out the purposes of this article, when new
22 construction, remodeling, leasing, acquisition or improvement of
public buildings or properties is authorized, the agency
24 directing that construction, remodeling, leasing, acquisition or
improvement shall, when the size of the building or property
26 warrants, make available suitable space and facilities for
vending facilities to be operated in the building or property by
28 ~~blind-persons~~, subject to the preference outlined in section
1418-G.

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32 **SUMMARY**

34 The purpose of this bill clarifies the operation of the
36 preference for blind persons in the establishment and operation
of vending facilities and placement of vending machines. This
bill:

38 1. Defines "preference" as the final determining factor
40 when all other competitive factors or criteria are equal;

42 2. Requires that vending facilities installed by the
44 Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired be operated by a
"manager" as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26,
section 1418; and

46 3. Clarifies that vending facilities created pursuant to
48 Title 26, section 1418-I are subject to the preference outlined
in section 1418-G.