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No. 798

S.P. 265

In Senate, February 15, 2005

An Act To Establish a Sunset on New State Agencies and Programs

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HOBBS of York.

Cosponsored by Representative PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn and

Senators: BARTLETT of Cumberland, BROMLEY of Cumberland, DIAMOND of
Cumberland, MITCHELL of Kennebec, NASS of York, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §964** is enacted to read:

6 **§964. Termination of new programs and agencies**

8 Beginning January 1, 2006, any new program or agency
10 established or funded by the Legislature automatically sunsets 8
12 years from the date of its first being established or funded,
14 whichever first occurs, unless the agency or program is extended
16 through legislative action prior to the date of sunset.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes an automatic sunset on all new
18 agencies or programs established or funded beginning January 1,
2006 unless the agency or program is extended through legislative
action prior to the date of sunset.