

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1380

S.P. 479

In Senate, March 22, 2005

### An Act To Protect Use of Municipal Seals

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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

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 WESTON of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative RECTOR of Thomaston and

Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TURNER of Cumberland, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, TARDY of Newport.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2006 is enacted to read:**

6 **§2006. Misuse of municipal seal**

8 A person may not use or display an imitation, likeness,  
10 imprint, representation, facsimile or copy of a seal of a  
12 municipality except by written permission of the municipality. A  
14 municipality may file an action in Superior Court applying for an  
16 order to enjoin a person from using or displaying the municipal  
18 seal in violation of this section. A violation of this section  
20 is a Class E crime.

22 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill prohibits a person from using a likeness or copy  
26 of a municipal seal without permission from the municipality. A  
28 municipality may seek injunctive relief to prevent a person from  
30 using or displaying the municipal seal. A violation of the  
32 provisions of this bill is a Class E crime.