

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 127

House of Representatives, January 14, 2025

### An Act to Improve the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LEE of Auburn.

Cosponsored by Representatives: GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, KUHN of Falmouth,  
MOONEN of Portland, Senator: HICKMAN of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §213, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 536, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Court action.** Any person who ~~purchases or leases goods, services or property, real~~  
5 ~~or personal, primarily for personal, family or household purposes and thereby~~ suffers any  
6 ~~loss of money or property, real or personal~~, as a result of the use or employment by another  
7 person of a method, act or practice declared unlawful by section 207 or by any rule or  
8 regulation issued under section 207, subsection 2 may bring an action either in the Superior  
9 Court or District Court for actual damages, restitution and ~~for~~ such other equitable relief,  
10 including an injunction, as the court determines to be necessary and proper. There is a right  
11 to trial by jury in any action brought in Superior Court under this section.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill removes the requirements that a person have purchased or leased goods,  
14 services or property primarily for personal, family or household purposes and that the loss  
15 suffered be of money or property in order for that person to pursue private remedies under  
16 the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.