

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
106TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S. P. 817, L. D.  
2314, Bill, "AN ACT Extending Collective Bargaining  
Rights to State Employees."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the end  
before the Statement of Fact the following:

§979-N. Separability

1. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall, for any reason, be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this chapter and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and to the person or circumstances involved. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this chapter would have been adopted had such invalid provisions not been included.

2. Nothing in this chapter or any contract negotiated pursuant to this chapter shall in any way be interpreted or allowed to restrict or impair the eligibility of the State of Maine or any of its agencies in obtaining the benefits under any Federal Grant in Aid or Assistance Programs.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is that in the event any section is deemed unconstitutional the remainder of the chapter will not be rendered void; also to assure that federal funds will not be denied because of the enactment of this chapter.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Labor. Reproduced and distributed pursuant to Senate Rule 11-A. March 18, 1974. (Filing No. 8-401)