

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
107TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE AMENDMENT " B " to H.P. 848, L.D. 1035, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions of the Maine Right to  
Know Law."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 7 and  
inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 7. 1 MRSA §406 is repealed and the following  
enacted in place thereof:

§406. Violations

1. Penalties. A violation of any of the provisions  
of this subchapter or the wrongful exclusion of any person  
or persons from any meetings for which provision is made,  
or the wrongful denial of inspection or copying of any public  
record for which provision is made, shall be punishable by  
a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for less than  
one year. Nothing contained in this subchapter shall be construed  
as abridging the right of any citizen or citizens to appeal to  
a court of this State for the enforcement of the rights provided  
for in said subchapter.

2. Enforcement.

A. The Attorney General and the district attorneys of  
competent jurisdiction shall enforce the provisions  
of this subchapter;

B. Any person denied the rights conferred by this  
subchapter may commence a suit in the Superior Court  
of the county in which the public body ordinarily meets,

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or in which the plaintiff resides, for the purpose of requiring compliance with or preventing violations of this subchapter or to determine the applicability of this subchapter to discussions or decisions of the public body. The court may order payment of attorney fees and court costs to a successful plaintiff in a suit brought under this section.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment adds enforcement provisions to the bill.

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