

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 326**

H. P. 257

House of Representatives, February 9, 1977

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gray of Rockland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Bagley of Winthrop.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Require the Teaching of the Free Enterprise System.**

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

20 **MRSA § 1222-A** is enacted to read:

**§ 1222-A. Instruction on free enterprise system**

1. **Instruction required.** Pupils in the free public high schools of the State shall be given instruction leading to a positive understanding of the American economy and free enterprise system, how it functions and how the individual can function effectively within our economy as a consumer, worker and voter.

The commissioner shall prescribe a course of study to carry out this section which shall be required for graduation from all free public high schools.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires that the free enterprise system be taught in all Maine public high schools. As used in Title 20, section 1222-A, "free enterprise" means an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods, by investments that are determined by private decision rather than by state control and by prices, production and the distribution of goods that are determined in a free manner.