

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 282

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In Senate, March 15, 1977

Sent down for concurrence

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Collins of Aroostook.

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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 Relating to Rules and Regulations Promulgated by State Agencies.**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 43, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 436, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

As used in sections 43 through 47, the word "agency" shall mean a state department, agency, office, board, commission or quasi-independent agency, board, commission, authority, institution or bureau. The words "rule" or "regulation," whether singular or plural, shall mean the whole, or any part, of any standard, code, statement of policy or other agency statement of general applicability that has the force of law, or the violation of which may result in the imposition of sanctions or which implements, interprets or makes specific the law administered by an agency, or describes the procedure or practice requirements of an agency, including the amendment, suspension or repeal of a prior rule or regulation.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 43, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 436, § 3, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph to read:

At the same time as the annual report of an agency is delivered to the Governor, the administrative head or body of each agency shall deliver to the Governor a compilation, properly indexed, of all rules and regulations currently in effect with respect to such agency. The Governor shall cause such compilations as delivered by each agency to be consolidated, properly indexed and printed and published in convenient form for distribution within 60 days of the convening of the Legislature annually and sale to the public at a reasonable price, sufficient to cover the cost of printing and distribution. These

**consolidated rules and regulations shall be entitled "Rules and Regulations — Maine State Government."**

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to define rules and regulations to be reported and makes them available in a convenient form.