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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Require State Agencies to Submit Proposed Rules and Related Information to the Legislature.

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

5 MRSA § 2351, sub-§ 5 is enacted to read:

  5. Filing with Legislature. Each agency shall submit to the Legislative Administrative Director, a copy of any proposal to adopt, amend, or repeal any rule authorized by section 2301, subsection 3, and such other related material as the director may request. Such submission shall be made at the same time as the submission to the Attorney General, pursuant to this subsection. Each agency shall provide such additional information pertinent to such rule as the director or a legislative committee may request.

STATEMENT OF FACT

  This bill is the result of a study assigned by S. P. 710 of the 107th Legislature to the Joint Standing Committee on State Government. In the report prepared pursuant to the study, some members recommended that a joint committee of the Legislature be established by joint legislative order to provide advisory review of rules proposed for adoption by state agencies.

  This bill will require agencies proposing to adopt, amend, or repeal a rule to submit to the Legislature, copies of such a proposal and other information pertinent to the legislative review of the rule.