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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2030

H. P. 1951

Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Taxation suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Include "Mobile Home" in the Definition of "Homestead" for the Purposes of the Homestead Exemption from Certain Attachments.

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

14 MRSA § 4551, last sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 512, § 2, is amended to read:

The term "homestead" means a lot of land and the building thereon, owned by the householder, who uses the same as his principle place of abode **or a mobile home owned by the householder and used by him as his principal place of abode, whether or not that mobile home is placed upon a lot of land owned by the householder.**

STATEMENT OF FACT

The first regular session of the 108th Legislature, recognizing the effect of inflation, increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the homestead exemption from certain attachments. However, this useful exemption is, at present, not available to the increasing number of Maine citizens living in mobile homes, as mobile homes are generally placed upon rented lots, are held to be personal property, not realty, and are thus ineligible for the homestead exemption. This bill, by including "mobile home" in the definition of "homestead," extends the homestead exemption to persons living in mobile homes.