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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 595

H. P. 477

House of Representatives, February 15, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

Cosponsor: Mr. Tarbell of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Exempt Post-secondary School Books from Sales Taxation.

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

36 MRSA § 1760, sub-§ 41 is enacted to read:

41. Books required for academic course sold by school bookstore. Books required for an academic course, sold by the school bookstore and purchased by students enrolled in that school. This exemption shall be limited to books required for courses at a post-secondary school and to schools defined in subsection 16.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The costs related to obtaining an education beyond high school have increased faster than the overall cost of living. State policy on the funding of post-secondary educational institutions has contributed to this increased burden on students and their parents. This bill would help to ease some of the burden by exempting from the sales tax those books purchased for use as required texts in any course of study at any post-secondary educational institution operating in Maine. It is estimated that passage of this bill would result in a lost of \$250,000 for the first year of the biennium.