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H. P. 595

House of Representatives, February 23, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Hobbins of Saco, referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Require that Certain Notices of Termination of Tenancy Contain
Minimum Information.**

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

14 MRSA § 6002, sub-§ 2 is enacted to read:

2. **Ground for termination notice.** Any notice of termination issued pursuant to subsection 1 shall indicate the specific ground claimed for issuing the notice. Where the ground claimed is rent arrearage of 14 days or more, the notice shall also include a statement indicating that the tenant can negate the effect of the notice of termination if he pays the full amount of rent due before the expiration of the notice.

STATEMENT OF FACT

State law presently provides 4 different grounds for evicting a tenant by use of a 7-day notice. This bill would require any of these 7-day notices to specify which reason or reasons are being used.

This bill also provides that any 7-day eviction notice issued because a tenant is 14 or more days behind in rent must include a statement of the tenant's legal right to void the notice by paying the full amount of rent due before the expiration date of the notice.