

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1004

H. P. 838

House of Representatives, February 25, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Small of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Concerning Conduct on College Campuses and on Property Used for Educational Purposes.

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

20 MRSA § 2204-B is enacted to read:

§ 2204-B. Regulation of conduct on campuses and on property used for educational purposes

The trustees or other governing board of every post-secondary institution incorporated or chartered under the laws of this State shall adopt rules and regulations for the maintenance of public order on the campus of the institution and other institution property used for educational purposes, prohibiting any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers mental or physical health for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization. The penalties for violation of these rules and regulations shall be clearly set forth and shall include provisions for the ejection of a violator from the campus or property, in the case of a student or faculty violator his suspension, expulsion or other appropriate disciplinary action and, in the case of an organization which authorizes such conduct, recision of permission for that organization to operate on campus property. These penalties shall be in addition to any other civil or criminal penalty to which the violator or organization may be subject.

A copy of the rules and regulations which prohibit reckless or intentional

endangerment to health for the purpose of initiation into or affiliation with any organization shall be given to all students enrolled in the institution and shall be deemed to be part of the bylaws of all organizations operating on the campus and the organization shall annually review these bylaws with individuals affiliated with the organizations.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to require post-secondary institutions to institute rules and regulations to control certain practices of organization on their campuses relating to initiation or affiliation with the organizations, where these practices endanger the mental or physical health of the persons being initiated.