

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1819**

7 S. P. 761 In Senate, January 13, 1982  
8 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to  
Joint Rule 26.

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government and  
ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence. Ordered sent forthwith.

9 MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate  
10 Presented by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin.  
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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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17 AN ACT to Clarify the Fees for the Registry of Deeds.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1227, sub-§2, last sentence, as**  
21 **amended by PL 1977, c. 189, is further amended to read:**

22 The fee to be paid by the commission for recording each such  
23 certificate is ~~§3~~ §5, which need not be prepaid.

24 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, first ¶, as repealed and**  
25 **replaced by PL 1977, c. 145, §1, is repealed and the follow-**  
26 **ing enacted in its place:**

27 Except as provided in Title 11 or any other provision  
28 of law, registers of deeds shall receive the following fees  
29 for:

30 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §944, sub-§2, last sentence is amended**  
31 **to read:**

1 There shall be included in the amount secured by the tax  
2 lien mortgage a charge to the municipality of 50¢ for the  
3 waiver of foreclosure and the charges of the registry of  
4 deeds for the recording thereof ~~not in excess of 50¢~~ which  
5 shall be in accordance with the fees set forth in Title 33,  
6 section 751, subsection 10.

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 Section 1 of the bill increases the fee from \$3 to \$5  
9 for the recording of liens for the failure of an employer to  
10 pay the contribution for unemployment compensation.

11 Section 2 of this bill amends the first paragraph of  
12 Title 33, section 751, to make it clear that the general fee  
13 for the recording of documents in the registry of deeds,  
14 unless otherwise provided by law, is \$6 for the first record  
15 page and \$2 for each additional record page or portion  
16 thereof. By virtue of Public Law 1981, chapter 279, section  
17 24, the Legislature, apparently inadvertently, created 2  
18 inconsistent general recording fees. See, Attorney  
19 General's Opinion, September 4, 1981. This bill corrects  
20 that inconsistency.

21 Section 3 of the bill amends Title 36, section 944,  
22 subsection 2, to provide that the fee for recording a waiver  
23 of foreclosure is that set forth in Title 33, section 751,  
24 subsection 10, which is presently \$5.

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