

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. 1902

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7 H. P. 1920 House of Representatives, January 28, 1982
Submitted by the Department of Attorney General pursuant to
Joint Rule 24.

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

8 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Brannigan of Portland.

Cosponsors: Representative J. Diamond of Bangor, Representative
Jackson of Yarmouth and Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.

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10 **STATE OF MAINE**
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12 **IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD**
13 **NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO**
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15 **AN ACT to Remove the Interstate Business**
16 **Exemption from the Unfair Trade Practices**
17 **Act.**
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

20 **5 MRSA §208, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1973, c. 323, §1,**
21 **is repealed.**

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

23 This bill permits the Attorney General and all private
24 litigants to sue interstate businesses for their acts and
25 practices which violate the Unfair Trade Practices Act.
26 Most consumer goods and services sold in Maine are the prod-
27 ucts of interstate businesses. If these businesses and
28 manufacturers injure Maine citizens, they should not be ex-
29 empt from penalties under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices
30 Act simply because they do business in other states or have

1 their headquarters outside of Maine.

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