

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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7 H.P. 384

House of Representatives, February 1, 1983

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9 Committee on Education, and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Small of Bath.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE  
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17 AN ACT to Prohibit Hazing on College  
18 Campuses and on Property Used for  
19 Educational Purposes.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 20-A MRSA §10004 is enacted to read:

24 §10004. Regulation of conduct on campuses and on  
25 property used for educational purposes

26 The trustees or other governing board of every  
27 post-secondary institution incorporated or chartered  
28 under the laws of this State shall adopt rules for  
29 the maintenance of public order on the campus of the  
30 institution and other institution property used for  
31 educational purposes, prohibiting any action or  
32 situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers  
33 mental or physical health for the purpose of initia-

1 tion into or affiliation with any organization. The  
2 penalties for violation of these rules shall be  
3 clearly set forth and shall include provisions for  
4 the ejection of a violator from the campus or prop-  
5 erty, in the case of a student or faculty violator,  
6 his suspension, expulsion or other appropriate disci-  
7 plinary action and, in the case of an organization  
8 which authorizes this conduct, rescision of permission  
9 for that organization to operate on campus property.  
10 These penalties shall be in addition to any other  
11 civil or criminal penalty to which the violator or  
12 organization may be subject.

13 A copy of the rules which prohibit reckless or  
14 intentional endangerment to health for the purpose of  
15 initiation into or affiliation with any organization  
16 shall be given to all students enrolled in the insti-  
17 tution and shall be deemed to be part of the bylaws  
18 of all organizations operating on the campus and the  
19 organization shall annually review these bylaws with  
20 individuals affiliated with the organizations.

21 STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The purpose of this bill is to require  
23 post-secondary institutions to institute rules to  
24 control certain practices of organization on their  
25 campuses relating to initiation or affiliation with  
26 the organizations, where these practices endanger the  
27 mental or physical health of the persons being ini-  
28 tiated.

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