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1 (New Draft of S.P. 222, L.D. 659)

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6 Legislative Document

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8 S.P. 472

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9 Reported by Senator Trafton of Androscoggin from the Committee on
10 Judiciary and printed under Joint Rule 2. Presented by Senator Trafton of
11 Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk,
Representative Rolde of York and Senator Diamond of Cumberland.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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18 AN ACT to Provide Confidentiality of
19 Library Records.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 27 MRSA c. 4-A is enacted to read:

24 CHAPTER 4-A

25 LIBRARY RECORDS

26 §121. Confidentiality of library records

27 Records maintained by any public or private
28 library, including libraries operated by any govern-
29 mental entity, educational institute or other body,
30 which contain information relating to the identity of
31 a library patron relative to the patron's use of
32 books or other materials at the library, shall be

1 confidential. Those records may only be released
2 with the express written permission of the patron
3 involved or as the result of a court order.

4 Libraries shall have up to 5 years from the
5 effective date of this chapter to be in compliance
6 with this section.'

7 STATEMENT OF FACT

8 The purpose of this new draft is to protect
9 libraries from having to disclose information on bor-
10 rowers and the library material they use. Because of
11 the way records are maintained, it will take up to 5
12 years for libraries to purge existing records which
13 are readily accessible to members of the public -
14 i.e.; check out cards in the back of books, etc.

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