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(New Draft of H.P. 493, L.D. 696) (New Title) FIRST REGULAR SESSION
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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H.P. 1036 House of Representatives, May 10, 1985
Reported by Representative Gwadosky from the Committee on State Government and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative Bonney of Falmouth.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
AN ACT Authorizing State Employees to Purchase State Property Upon Retirement or Leaving Office.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 1, first 3 lines, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:
CHAPTER 1
STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES GENERALLY
SUBCHAPTER 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS
Sec. 2. 5 MRSA c. 1, sub-c. II is enacted to read:

STATE EMPLOYEES AND STATE PROPERTY

§31. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

- 1. Employee of this State. "Employee of this State" means an employee in the classified or unclassified service as defined in chapters 57 and 71.
- 2. State property. "State property" means real and tangible property, including but not limited to, land, buildings, machinery, equipment, furnishings and supplies which are owned or leased by or in the control of the State or any department or agency of the State or independent state agency.

§32. Acquisition of state property

No employee of this State may take state property for personal use or for the use of others off the premises of the State. Upon leaving office or employment with the State, an employee of this State, in accordance with procedures established by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, may purchase at fair market value, state property which was assigned to him to carry out his duties or of which he was the principal user at the time of his employment. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit an employee of this State or any other person from purchasing state property at fair market value in accordance with the procedures of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, as a gift to an employee of this State upon his retirement or leaving office.

Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be subject to the penalties set out in Title 17-A, section 362.

 The purpose of this new draft is to enable state employees or state officials, upon retirement or leaving state employment, to purchase state property at fair market value as a memento of their years of service in employment of the State. In addition, state employees or other persons may purchase at fair market value state property used by a state employee as a gift to that employee upon his retirement or leaving employment. Any person taking state property in violation of the law is subject to the Criminal Code.

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