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1 (New Draft of H.P. 1247, L.D. 1757)
2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2117

8 H.P. 1502

House of Representatives, March 3, 1986

9 Reported by Representative Brown from the Committee on Education
10 and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Representative
11 Lacroix of Oakland. Cosponsored by Representative Duffy of Bangor,
Representative Walker of Norway, and Senator Matthews of Kennebec.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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18 AN ACT to Strengthen Provisions Relating to
19 the Delivery of the Publications of
20 State Agencies to the Maine State
21 Library for Reliable Public Access.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 1 MRSA §501-A, as amended by PL 1975, c. 746, §1,
26 is further amended to read:

27 §501-A. Publications of state agencies

28 The publications of all agencies and the Univer-
29 sity of Maine and the Maine Maritime Academy may be
30 printed, bound and distributed, subject to Title 5,
31 sections 43 ~~through~~ to 46. The State Purchasing Agent
32 may determine the style in which such publications
33 may be printed and bound, with the approval of the
34 Governor. At least 55 copies of any annual or bienni-
35 al report not included in the Maine State Government

1 Annual Report provided for in Title 5, sections 43
2 ~~through to~~ 46, shall be delivered to the State Li-
3 brarian, immediately upon receipt by the State Pur-
4 chasing Agent for exchange and library use; the bal-
5 ance of the number of each such report shall be de-
6 livered by the State Purchasing Agent to the agency
7 preparing the report. ~~At least 18 copies of all other~~
8 ~~publications, including periodicals, bulletins,~~
9 ~~pamphlets, leaflets and special reports issued by any~~
10 ~~agency or by any legislative committee shall be de-~~
11 ~~livered to the State Librarian. Any agency or legis-~~
12 ~~lative committee issuing publications shall deliver~~
13 ~~18 copies of all publications to the State Librarian.~~
14 ~~These copies shall be furnished at the expense of the~~
15 ~~issuing agency. Publications not furnished upon re-~~
16 ~~quest will be reproduced at the expense of the issu-~~
17 ~~ing agency. The agency or committee preparing a pub-~~
18 ~~lication shall have the authority to determine the~~
19 ~~date on which a publication may be released, except~~
20 ~~as may be otherwise provided by law.~~

21 For the purposes of this section, "publications"
22 includes: Periodicals; newsletters; bulletins; pamph-
23 lets; leaflets; directories; bibliographies; statist-
24 ical reports; brochures; plan drafts; planning docu-
25 ments; reports; special reports; committee and com-
26 mission minutes; informational handouts; and rules
27 and compilations of rules regardless of number of
28 pages, number of copies ordered, physical size or in-
29 tended audience inside or outside the agency.

30 The State Purchasing Agent, Central Printing and
31 all other printing operations within State Government
32 shall forward to the State Librarian upon receipt one
33 copy of all requisitions for publications to be
34 printed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 State Government agencies are currently required
3 by law to provide the Maine State Library with copies
4 of all taxpayer-funded publications. When citizenry
5 throughout Maine seek the information contained in
6 those publications, sometimes many years after the
7 initial printing, they should be able to find it at
8 their nearest state documents depository library,
9 that public access is the purpose for which the de-
10 pository system was set up.

11 It is unrealistic to expect each office in State
12 Government to remember to deliver publication copies
13 to the Maine State Library.

14 This new draft changes the focus of the original
15 bill from the Bureau of Purchases (Printing) to
16 shared responsibility between the Bureau of Purchases
17 and the State Library.

18 The purchasing agent, Central Printing and all
19 other printing operations within State Government
20 will provide the State Librarian with a copy of any
21 requisition for printing publications. Requisitions
22 provide publication title, requesting agency, name
23 new order or repeat quantity ordered, appropriation,
24 contact person and telephone number.

25 Library staff will be aware of all publications
26 and should be able to determine which ones are docu-
27 ments as defined above. If any agency has not sent
28 the required number of copies, the library can send a
29 preprinted form to the appropriate agency person for
30 compliance. These publications are to be furnished
31 at agency expense. This new draft makes the expense
32 incurred for reproducing copies not furnished due to
33 short supply or any other reason chargeable to the
34 issuing agency.

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