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Presented by Representative BELL of Caribou.

Cosponsored by Representative ADAMS of Portland, Representative MARSTON of Oakland and Representative GRAHAM of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Inform Consumers of Credit Rating Information.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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10 MRSA §1315, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

5 4. Annual report to consumer. Annually, during the month of July, every consumer reporting agency shall provide each 7 consumer on whom it maintains files with a written summary report of the information in its files on the consumer. The summary 9 report shall include the agency's summary of the consumer's credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, credit 11 history and employment status, as well as items from any investigative consumer report such as the consumer's character, 13 general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living. Any adverse information in the consumer's file shall be 15 summarized in the report. The existence of medical information shall be noted, but its content may be withheld in accordance 17 with section 1315, subsection 1.

19 The annual report to the consumer shall also inform the consumer of rights under this chapter to notification of users of reports
21 and to disclosure of information in the reporting agency's files on the consumer.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill protects consumers by requiring annual disclosure to them of the information in their files at any credit reporting agency.