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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Berwick.

Cosponsored by Representative DUFFY of Bangor and Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Require the Bureau of Purchases to Purchase Those
Products Made Only in The United States.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

3 **5 MRSA §1812, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. A,
5 **§72**, is further amended to read:

7 The terms "services," "supplies," "materials" and
9 "equipment" as used in this chapter, shall be held to mean any
11 and all services, articles or things which shall be used by or
13 furnished to the State or any department or agency thereof, and
15 any and all printing, binding, publication of laws, journals and
17 reports. Except as provided in chapters 141 to 155, any and all
19 services, supplies, materials and equipment needed by one or more
21 departments or agencies of the State Government shall be directly
23 purchased or contracted for by the State Purchasing Agent, as may
25 be determined from time to time by rules adopted pursuant to
27 chapters 141 to 155, which rules the Department of Administration
29 is authorized and empowered to make. It is the intent and purpose
31 of this chapter that the State Purchasing Agent shall purchase
33 collectively all services, supplies, materials and equipment for
35 the State or any department or agency thereof in a manner that
37 will best secure the greatest possible economy consistent with
39 the grade or quality of the services, supplies, materials and
 equipment best adapted for the purposes for which they are needed
 and shall, whenever possible, purchase products made in the
 United States. Whenever supplies and materials are available for
 purchase which are composed in whole or in part of recycled
 materials and are shown by the seller, supplier or manufacturer
 to be equal in quality and are competitively priced, the State
 Purchasing Agent shall purchase such recycled supplies and
 materials. For the purposes of this section, recycled materials
 means materials that are composed in whole or in part of elements
 that are reused or reclaimed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

37 This bill requires the State Purchasing Agent to buy United
39 States made products whenever possible.