

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, April 24, 1989

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.  
Cosponsored by Representative CARTER of Winslow.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Require State Agencies to Pay Contractual Agencies a Late Charge for Delinquent Payments.**

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

3 **5 MRSA §1833** is enacted to read:

5 **§1833. State payments under contract**

7 **1. Charge for late payment.** Any department or agency of  
9 State Government shall pay a late charge to any nongovernmental  
entity with which it has contracted if:

11 **A. The contract was entered into pursuant to this chapter**  
13 **and the rules promulgated under it;**

15 **B. Payment by the department or agency has been requested**  
17 **in writing by the contracting party and is required by the**  
**terms of the contract; and**

19 **C. The required payment or installment is not made within**  
21 **30 days of the request.**

23 **2. Amount.** The late charge shall be a 10% annual charge on  
any delinquent payment under this section.

25 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

27 This bill requires a state agency or department which is  
29 more than 30 days delinquent in making payment under a contract  
with a nongovernmental entity to pay an annual 10% late charge on  
31 the delinquent amount.