

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1990

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Legislative Document

No. 4

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H.P. 3

House of Representatives, December 4, 1990

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 Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

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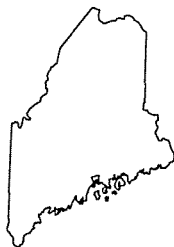
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**An Act to Give the Legislative Council Express Authority to Set Fees for  
Legislative Publications.**

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(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the authority of the Legislative Council to print,  
6 distribute and sell various legislative materials and  
publications is not explicitly defined in the law, but rather is  
8 implicit in the Legislative Council's administrative powers; and

10 Whereas, it is desirable to eliminate any doubt as to the  
Legislative Council's authority to order the production and  
12 distribution of legislative materials and publications and, when  
appropriate, to fix a sales price for them; and

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Whereas, the production, distribution and sale of materials  
16 related to the 115th Legislature need to take place immediately;  
and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
20 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
22 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

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

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**3 MRSA §162, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:**

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8-A. Sale of publications. If the Legislative Council  
30 determines it advisable for the effective dissemination of  
statutory information or other information of general interest to  
32 the public, to fix the price, sell and deliver publications and  
materials produced by legislative agencies;

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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the  
36 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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The Legislative Council has been authorizing the production,  
42 distribution and sale of certain legislative materials and  
publications pursuant to its general administrative powers in the  
44 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 162. This bill provides  
explicit statutory authority for this function to the Legislative  
46 Council.