

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
115TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 577, L.D. 828, Bill, "An-  
Act to Clarify the Definition of Public Employer under the  
Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Laws"

Amend the bill in subsection 7 in the 6th line from the end  
(page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "it" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'the public employer' and  
in the 4th and 5th lines from the end (page 1, lines 34 and 35 in  
L.D.) by striking out the following: "the employment conditions  
of" and in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 36 in L.D.) by  
striking out the following: "that represents" and inserting in  
its place the following: 'representing'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill extends collective bargaining rights to all public  
employees who are currently excluded under state and federal  
laws. This bill will require additional staff and board  
resources for the Maine Labor Relations Board. The exact amount  
of increased work load can not be determined at this time but may  
result in requests for General Fund appropriations from the  
Department of Labor in the future.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment clarifies the last paragraph of the Maine  
Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 962, subsection 7, which is  
repealed and replaced in the bill. This paragraph is intended to  
prevent public employers from using paper corporations or  
employee leaseback arrangements or similar devices to avoid  
collective bargaining with employees that the public employer  
controls in the same way that it controls regular employees.  
This paragraph is not intended to interfere with a public  
employer's request to enter into legitimate contracts or  
subcontracts for the purpose of providing public services. This  
amendment also adds a fiscal note.