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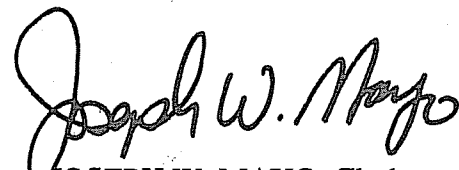
H.P. 931   House of Representatives, April 13, 1993

An Act Concerning State Transactions with Businesses in Northern Ireland.

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

Joseph W. Mayo

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CASHMAN of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset, Senator CONLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AHEARNE of Madawaska, ALIBERTI of Lewiston,
BRENNAN of Portland, CARROLL of Gray, CHONKO of Topsham, DiPIETRO of South
Portland, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, DORE of Auburn, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor,
FITZPATRICK of Durham, HICHBORN of Howland, JACQUES of Waterville, JOSEPH of
Waterville, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MELENDY of Rockland, MITCHELL of Vassalboro,
MORRISON of Bangor, O'GARA of Westbrook, PARADIS of Augusta, ROWE of Portland,
SULLIVAN of Bangor, SWAZEY of Bucksport, TARDY of Palmyra, YOUNG of Limestone,
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, ESTY of Cumberland,
O'DEA of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, PEARSON of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1824-A is enacted to read:

§1824-A. Purchase from certain companies prohibited

1. MacBride Principles; defined. As used in this section, "MacBride Principles" means a policy that includes the following goals:

A. Increased representation of individuals from underrepresented groups in the work force, including managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical and technical jobs;

B. Adequate security for the protection of employees at the workplace;

C. The banning of provocative religious and political emblems from the workplace;

D. The public advertisement of all job openings and special recruitment to attract applicants from underrepresented religious groups;

E. Layoff, recall and termination procedures that do not in practice favor particular religious groups;

F. The abolition of job reservations, apprenticeship restrictions and differential employment criteria that discriminate on the basis of religion or ethnic origin;

G. The development of training programs that prepare substantial numbers of minority employees for skilled jobs, including the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new programs to train, upgrade and improve the skills of minority employees; and

H. The appointment of a senior management staff member to oversee a company's affirmative action efforts in the creation of timetables to carry out affirmative action principles.

2. Prohibition. All state agencies are prohibited from purchasing products or services from corporations that directly, or through subsidiaries, do business in Northern Ireland and that have not implemented the fair employment practices of the MacBride Principles.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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  This bill prohibits state agencies from purchasing products
4 or services from corporations that do business in Northern
Ireland and have not implemented the fair employment practices of
6 the MacBride Principles.