

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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Legislative Document

No. 749

S.P. 277

In Senate, March 7, 1995

**An Act to Prohibit Any State or Independent Agency from Establishing  
Private Accounts.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, CARPENTER of York, Representative:  
ROBICHAUD of Caribou.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1541, sub-§12-A,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.  
761, Pt. G, §9, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1550** is enacted to read:

8 **§1550. Conference fee accounts**

10 Any state agency or public instrumentality may establish an  
12 account for the purpose of receiving and expending reasonable  
14 fees for the operation of conferences, workshops and seminars  
that include any program involving dissemination of information.  
Conference fee accounts are subject to the following.

16 1. Prior approval required. Any conference fee account  
18 must receive prior approval by the Department of Administrative  
and Financial Services through the Bureau of Accounts and Control.

20 2. Fees restricted. Personal services expenditures,  
22 capital expenditures, gifts and transfers to other accounts are  
not permitted from a conference fee account.

24 3. Account balance to carry forward once. At the end of  
26 the fiscal year, any balance remaining for a given event may  
carry forward once and other balances lapse to the General Fund  
undicated revenue.

28 4. Theft. A person who violates the provision of  
30 subsection 2 commits theft and is subject to the penalties set  
out in Title 17-A, section 362.

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34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill creates a separate section for the establishment  
of conference fee accounts and makes improper expenditures from  
38 these accounts punishable under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title  
17-A, section 362.