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S.P. 465

In Senate, April 11, 1995

**An Act Concerning Fees Collected for the Restoration, Recreation and
Preservation of Records in the Register of Deeds Offices.**

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 Senator O'DEA of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §752 is enacted to read:**

6 **§752. Records preservation surcharge**

8 **1. Surcharge.** In addition to any other fees required by
10 law, a register of deeds shall collect a surcharge of \$3 for all
12 records that are recorded in the registry of deeds other than
recording and indexing a municipal or unorganized territory tax
lien, the discharge of such a lien or the waiver of foreclosure
of a tax lien mortgage.

14 **2. Account.** The surcharge imposed in subsection 1 must be
16 transferred to the county treasurer who shall deposit it in a
18 separate nonlapsing account within 30 days of receipt. Money in
the account is not available for use as general revenue of the
county. Interest earned on the account must be credited to the
account.

20 **3. Expenditures from the account.** The money in the account
22 established in subsection 2 must be used for the restoration,
24 recreation and preservation of the records recorded in the office
of the register of deeds.

26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill establishes a surcharge for documents recorded in
30 the registry of deeds. The surcharge is used to fund the
32 restoration, recreation and preservation of records in the
offices of registers of deeds.