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House of Representatives, April 20, 1995

An Act to Clarify the Forcible Entry and Detainer Law.

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 18, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MADORE of Augusta, POULIN of Oakland, TRUMAN of Biddeford, Senator: MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

6 5. Summons. The summons in forcible entry and detainer
8 actions must be directed to the defendant and must contain the
10 following information: the signature or facsimile signature of
12 the judge or the clerk of court; the name and address of the
14 court; the name or names on the rental agreement and all
16 occupants of the property; the day when the action is returnable,
18 which may not be less than 7 days from the date of service of the
20 summons; and a statement that, in case of the defendant's failure
22 to appear and state a defense on the return day, judgment by
default will be rendered against the defendant for possession of
the premises. If the day the action is returnable falls on a
state or federally recognized holiday, the return day is the next
working day following the holiday.

STATEMENT OF FACT

22 This bill establishes information requirements for summons
in forcible entry and detainer actions.