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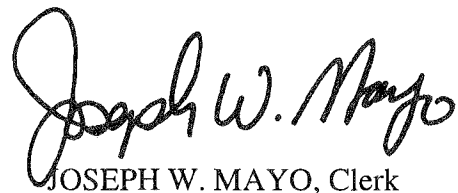
H.P. 96

House of Representatives, January 14, 1997

**An Act to Remove Travel Policy from the Maine Administrative
Procedure Act and to Transfer the Authority for Fixed Assets Inventory.**

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint
Rule 204.

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1541, sub-§13**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780,
4 Pt. Y, §43, is further amended to read:

6 **13. Travel expense reimbursement.** Through the State
8 Controller, with the approval of the Commissioner of
10 Administrative and Financial Services, to establish policies for
12 travel expense reimbursement and carrying out this chapter. ~~These
14 policies determining which expenses are reimbursable and levels
16 of reimbursement are deemed rules, and must be adopted, modified
18 and repealed, only in accordance with procedures set forth in the
20 Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.~~

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a state
16 agency, as defined in section 8002, subsection 2, may not
18 authorize reimbursement for travel by any person at a rate
20 greater than the rate established in section 8 for state
employees; and

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1541, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

22 **14. Fixed assets.** To maintain an official statewide system
24 for fixed assets for all state agencies to update and reconcile
26 annually.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§10 is repealed.

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill removes the requirement that travel policies
34 established for state employees be subject to the Maine
36 Administrative Procedure Act. This will reduce the
administrative burden on the Secretary of State and the
Department of Administrative Services.

38 This bill also transfers authority for fixed assets
40 inventory from the Bureau of General Services to the Bureau of
Accounts and Control.