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H.P. 508

House of Representatives, February 4, 1997

An Act to Clarify the General Powers of Attorney.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CAMPBELL of Holden.

Cosponsored by Representatives: JABAR of Waterville, OTT of York.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §5-507 is enacted to read:
§5-507. Powers of attorney-in-fact
A power of attorney that contains language appointing the
attorney-in-fact to care for, manage, control and handle all or
the principal's business, financial, property and personal
affairs in as full and complete a manner as the principal might
do does not limit the generality of the powers of the
attorney-in-fact by the inclusion in the power of attorney of
list of the specific powers granted to the attorney-in-fact.
SUMMARY
This bill clarifies that a power of attorney that contains a
grant of general authority is not limited by the inclusion of specific examples of the authority.

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