

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 205

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Protect Municipalities from Property Tax Loss when Land is
Acquired by the State.**

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARR of Lincoln.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CROSS of Dover-Foxcroft, GILLIS of Danforth,
JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Greenville, STANLEY of Medway, Senator: DAVIS of
Piscataquis.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §662 is enacted to read:**

6 **§662. Reimbursement for land acquired by the State after
October 1, 1999**

8 **1. Reimbursement.** The Treasurer of State shall reimburse
10 each municipality for the property tax revenue loss to the
12 municipality resulting from the acquisition of land or interests
in land acquired by the State after October 1, 1999.

14 **2. Filing claim.** If a municipality suffers property tax
16 revenue loss for which it is entitled to reimbursement under
18 subsection 1, it may file a claim for reimbursement in the same
20 manner as provided under section 661. If the municipality is
entitled to reimbursement under both this section and section
22 661, the State Tax Assessor shall calculate reimbursement by
combining the valuations of property eligible for reimbursement
under this section with the value of property eligible under
section 661.

24 **3. Unorganized territory.** The unorganized territory is
entitled to reimbursement under this section in the same manner
26 as a municipality. The amount of reimbursement due must be paid
into the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund
28 established in chapter 115.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires the State to reimburse municipalities and
34 the unorganized territory for property tax revenue lost as a
result of the State acquiring land after October 1, 1999.