

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 533

S.P. 179

In Senate, January 19, 1999

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### **An Act to Prohibit the State from Competing with Private Industry.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative CIANCHETTE of South Portland and  
Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, BENOIT of Franklin, DAVIS of Piscataquis, FERGUSON  
of Oxford, Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, LOVETT of Scarborough, MACK of  
Standish, QUINT of Portland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §54 is enacted to read:**

6 **§54. Prohibition against competing with private industry**

8 A state agency, board, commission, department or institution  
10 may not provide any service for a fee or undertake any enterprise  
12 that produces revenue that is in competition with private  
14 industry, except those services and enterprises that are  
16 determined by the Legislature to be necessary for the safety,  
18 health and welfare of the public.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill prohibits the State from providing services for  
fees or undertaking enterprises that compete with private  
industry.