

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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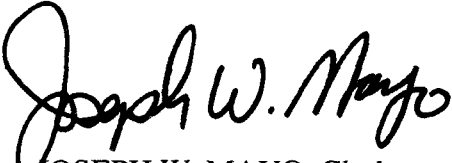
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### An Act to Amend the Maine Tort Claims Act.

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

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska.  
Cosponsored by Representative MADORE of Augusta, Senators: GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, MILLS of Somerset.

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

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**Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8104-B, sub-§§6 and 7,** as enacted by PL 1997,  
4 c. 740, §4, are amended to read:

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**6. Leasing of governmental property.** The leasing of  
governmental property, including buildings, to other  
8 organizations; and

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**7. Certain services.** A decision not to provide  
communications, heat, light, water, electricity or solid or  
12 liquid waste collection, disposal or treatment services; and

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**Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §8104-B, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

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**8. Failure or malfunction of computer.** The direct or  
indirect failure or malfunction of computer hardware, computer  
18 software or any device containing a computer processor or chip  
that fails to accurately or properly recognize, calculate,  
20 display, sort or otherwise process dates or times.

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#### **SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this bill is to clarify that governmental  
26 entities under the Maine Tort Claims Act are immune from  
liability for claims arising out of failures or malfunctions  
28 related to year 2000 compliance problems.