

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 2217

H.P. 1566

House of Representatives, April 29, 1999

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### An Act to Promote Economic Development in Androscoggin County.

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MENDROS of Lewiston.  
Cosponsored by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, BOUFFARD of Lewiston, CHIZMAR of Lisbon,  
GERRY of Auburn, HEIDRICH of Oxford, SCHNEIDER of Durham, SHIELDS of Auburn,  
SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to implement legislation to improve  
Androscoggin County in the following ways:

12 1. Improve the infrastructure. In effecting this goal, the  
14 recommendations of the Downtown Initiative in the Department of  
Economic and Community Development focusing on how to revitalize  
downtown areas in Maine would be implemented;

16 2. Enhance existing businesses and encourage job growth.  
18 As part of this goal, the manufacture of a prefabricated  
industrial park, ready to be occupied by businesses, would be  
20 encouraged;

22 3. Attract high-tech and high-wage jobs. This would be  
partially accomplished through the appropriation of \$300,000 each  
24 to Central Maine Technical College and Lewiston-Auburn College;

26 4. Encourage and promote tourism, convention activities and  
special events by emphasizing and advertising Androscoggin County  
28 as a destination point for these activities. Additionally, the  
feasibility of a convention center, built to service the State,  
30 would be explored and developed; and

32 5. Promote a stable economic environment through the review  
of current rules and regulations and taxes and making any  
34 necessary changes.