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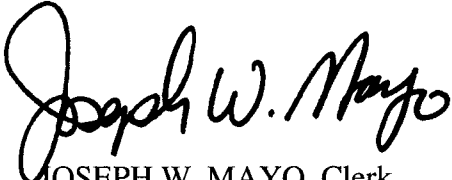
No. 2640

H.P. 1899

House of Representatives, March 20, 2000

**An Act to Amend the Program Evaluation Report Contents of the State
Government Evaluation Act.**

Reported by Representative O'NEAL for the Joint Standing Committee on Business and
Economic Development pursuant to Resolve 1999, chapter 74, section 7.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

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

4 **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶¶G, J and K, as enacted by PL**
1995, c. 488, §2, are amended to read:

6 G. Identification of those areas where an agency has
7 coordinated its efforts with other state and federal
8 agencies in achieving program objectives and other areas in
9 which an agency could establish cooperative arrangements,
10 including, but not limited to, cooperative arrangements to
11 coordinate services and eliminate redundant requirements;

12 J. Identification of emerging issues for the agency or
13 program in the coming years; and

14 K. Any other information specifically requested by the
15 committee of jurisdiction; and

16 **Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §956, sub-§2, ¶L is enacted to read:**

17 L. A comparison of any related federal laws and regulations
18 to the state laws governing the agency or program and the
19 rules implemented by the agency or program.

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

21 Each department or agency subject to Government Evaluation
22 Act review will incur some minor additional costs to provide
23 additional information as part of its report under the Act.
24 These costs can be absorbed within the affected departments' and
25 agencies' existing budgeted resources.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill implements a recommendation of the Task Force to
28 Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small Businesses.
29 It adds a requirement that each agency or program under a State
30 Government Evaluation Act review:

31 1. Identify how the agency works with other state and
32 federal agencies to coordinate services and eliminate redundant
33 and overlapping requirements; and

34 2. Compare federal laws and regulations to state laws and
35 rules implemented by the agency.

36 The bill includes a fiscal note.