

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2001

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No. 309

H.P. 260

House of Representatives, January 30, 2001

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**An Act Regarding Statute of Limitations for Attorneys.**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LaVERDIERE of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, SHERMAN of Hodgdon,  
WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §753-A, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 804,  
4       §§2 and 22, is repealed.

6           **Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §753-B** is enacted to read:

8       **§753-B. Action alleging negligence in real estate title opinions**

10       Notwithstanding section 753-A, an action alleging  
12       professional negligence of a licensed attorney in the rendering  
14       of a real estate title opinion must be commenced within 20 years  
       from the date the opinion is rendered.

16   **SUMMARY**

18           This bill provides a 20-year statute of limitations for  
20       actions alleging professional negligence of attorneys in the  
       rendering of real estate title opinions that begins to run the  
       date an opinion is rendered.