

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 446

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H.P. 356

House of Representatives, February 1, 2001

**An Act to Prohibit State Expenditures on International Treaties not  
Ratified by the United States Senate.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and  
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CRESSEY of Baldwin, KASPRZAK of Newport,  
MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, MICHAEL of Auburn, TRACY of Rome, TRAHAN of  
Waldoboro, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1669-B** is enacted to read:

6 **§1669-B. Prohibition on state agency grants and expenditures**

8 A state department or agency may not expend or award funds  
10 to implement, in whole or part, an international treaty that the  
12 United States Senate has not ratified.

14 As used in this section, "implement" means any action that  
16 has a demonstrable and direct connection to specific requirements  
18 of any international treaty that has not been ratified by the  
20 United States Senate.

22 **SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits a state department or agency from  
expending or awarding funds to implement an international treaty  
that has not been ratified by the United States Senate. It also  
defines the term "implement."