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S.P. 411

In Senate, March 5, 2001

An Act to Prohibit the Use of Memorandum Decisions.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1107 is enacted to read:
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	§1107. Memorandum decisions prohibited
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	The court, in an action tried without a jury or following a
8	judgment notwithstanding the verdict, may not issue a decision
10	without including the reasons for that decision.
10	Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §1804 is enacted to read:
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12	<u>\$1804. Memorandum decisions prohibited</u>
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7.7	The court may not issue a ruling or decision without
16	including the reasons for that ruling or decision.
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	SUMMARY
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	This bill prohibits a court from issuing a memorandum
22	decision, which is a decision of the court that does not contain the opinion or reasons of the court for arriving at that decision.

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