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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

An Act To Limit the Use of State Funds To Purchase Land or Conservation Easements

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JACKSON of Fort Kent, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, Senator: STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §6209, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 728,
§13, is further amended to read:

6 **2. Title; responsibilities.** Title to all lands acquired
pursuant to this chapter must be vested solely in the State.
8 Management responsibilities for the acquired lands ~~may be~~
~~contracted by the land-owning state agency to cooperating~~
10 ~~entities, subject to appropriate lease arrangements, upon the~~
~~recommendation of the agency's commissioner and approval of the~~
12 ~~board~~ must reside with a state agency.

14 When less-than-fee simple interest is acquired, a state agency
shall hold the easement or long-term lease or other interests and
16 shall monitor compliance with the conditions of the acquisition
contract or lease.

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20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill requires a state agency to be responsible for
management and monitoring of land and interest in land acquired
24 under the Land for Maine's Future program.