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House of Representatives, January 28, 2003

**An Act To Prohibit Expenditures To Implement Treaties Not
Ratified by the United States Senate**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative JOY of Crystal. (BY REQUEST)
Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, BERRY of Belmont, CARR of
Lincoln, GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

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 to implement, in whole or in part, an international treaty that the United States Senate has not ratified.

10 All state departments and agencies shall review all grants and expenditures made to ensure that none have been made to implement any international treaty that the United States Senate has not ratified, or portion of such a treaty. If an agency or department finds that any expenditures or grants have been made to implement all or part of any such international treaty, these expenditures must be terminated immediately and those grants withdrawn.

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

14 **SUMMARY**

16 **This bill prohibits a state department or agency from**
18 **expending or awarding funds to implement an international treaty**
20 **that has not been ratified by the United States Senate.**