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No. 325

S.P. 107

In Senate, January 28, 2003

**An Act To Clarify the Laws Pertaining to the Surcharge for Records
Preservation for the Registry of Deeds**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative McLAUGHLIN of Cape Elizabeth and
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GILMAN of Cumberland, KNEELAND of Aroostook,
Representative: ROGERS of Brewer.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 503,
§1, is amended to read:

6 **3. Expenditures from account.** The money in the account
established in subsection 2 must be used for the restoration,
8 re-creation and preservation of the records recorded in the
office of the register of deeds, including preservation by
10 creation of a digital image stored on magnetic or optical media.

12 **Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 317,
§1, is further amended to read:

14 **4. Repeal.** This section is repealed January 1, 2005 2008.

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill clarifies that the types of restoration used for
the preservation of documents and paid for by a special
22 nonlapsing account includes preservation by creation of a digital
image stored on magnetic or optical media. The bill also amends
24 the repeal date for the section from January 1, 2005 to January
1, 2008.