

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 823

House of Representatives, March 4, 2003

### **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Noncompete Clauses in Broadcast Industry Contracts**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested  
and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRUNO of Raymond.

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

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**Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §599, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 406, §1, is amended to read:

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**1. Definition.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "broadcasting industry contract" means an employment contract between a person and a legal entity that owns one or more television stations or networks or one or more radio stations or networks, ~~excluding an employment contract with a sales representative.~~

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**SUMMARY**

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Under current law, noncompete clauses in broadcasting industry contracts, excluding employment contracts with sales representatives, are presumed unreasonable. This bill removes that exclusion.