

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 202

In Senate, February 8, 2005

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### **An Act To Provide Incentives to Businesses That Locate to Existing Buildings**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 MITCHELL of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: COWGER of Kennebec, HASTINGS of Oxford, MAYO of Sagadahoc, STRIMLING of Cumberland, Representatives: DAVIS of Augusta, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, LERMAN of Augusta.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to provide incentives to businesses that  
12 move into existing vacant buildings instead of constructing new  
14 buildings. Incentives would include, but not be limited to:

- 16 1. Expedited approval of zoning or other local ordinance  
changes necessary for the business to occupy the building; and
2. Tax incentives, such as a reduced property tax rate.