

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 15, 2005

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**An Act To Allow Municipalities To Collect Debts through the  
Placement of Liens on Property**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative JACOBSEN of Waterboro.  
Cosponsored by Senator COURTNEY of York and  
Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CHURCHILL of Washburn, CRESSEY of Cornish,  
CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, MAREAN of Hollis, McFADDEN of Dennysville, McLEOD  
of Lee, WHEELER of Kittery.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5605** is enacted to read:

6 **§5605. Lien authority**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the  
10 treasurer may place a lien on a property within the municipality  
12 for a debt lawfully owed to the municipality by the owner of that  
14 property. This lien takes precedence over all other claims on the  
16 real estate, excepting claims for taxes or a lien placed pursuant  
18 to section 5405, subsection 2, paragraph D.

**SUMMARY**

This bill gives the treasurer of a municipality the power to place a lien on a property within the municipality for a debt lawfully owed to the municipality by the owner of that property.