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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 1258**

S.P. 438

In Senate, March 15, 2005

### **An Act To Provide for Department of Labor Services and Other Services in Unorganized Territories**

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Reference to the Committee on Taxation 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 MARTIN of Aroostook.  
Cosponsored by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent and  
Representative: SMITH of Van Buren.

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

4 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-F is enacted to read:

6 **§685-F. Funding for services provided to the unorganized  
territory**

8 Beginning with the 2005-06 fiscal year, notwithstanding any  
10 law to the contrary, the Department of Administrative and  
12 Financial Services shall assess every landowner in the  
14 unorganized territory a fee equal to .01% of the most recent  
16 equalized state valuation established by the State Tax Assessor  
18 for that landowner's real property. The State Tax Assessor shall  
20 issue a bill to each such landowner no later than March 1st of  
22 each year. The bill is payable on demand. Interest charges on  
24 unpaid fees begin on June 30th of each year and are compounded  
monthly at the interest rate for unpaid property tax as  
established by the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized  
territory. These fees must be deposited into the General Fund and  
used to offset the costs of providing services in the unorganized  
territory, including, but not limited to, law enforcement, fire  
protection, game warden services and services provided by  
Department of Labor personnel.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill assesses landowners in the unorganized territory a  
30 fee equal to .01% of equalized state valuation for the  
landowners' property. The revenue from the fee is used to offset  
32 the cost of providing services, such as police and fire  
protection, game warden services and services provided by  
Department of Labor personnel, to the unorganized territory.