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House of Representatives, March 17, 2005

An Act To Give Preference to Companies That Provide Livable Wages and Health Insurance to Their Employees

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

Millicent M. Macfarland MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND Clerk

Presented by Representative LERMAN of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and

Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BARSTOW of Gorham, BLANCHARD of Old Town,

HARLOW of Portland, SAMPSON of Auburn, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, Senator: STRIMLING

of Cumberland.

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

	Sec. 1.	5 MRSA §1	825-B	, sub-§9-A	is	enacted	to	read:
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9-A. Preference for companies providing livable wages and health insurance. In determining the best-value bidder, the Director of the Bureau of General Services or any department or agency of the State shall, for the purpose of awarding a contract, give preference to companies that provide livable wages or health insurance, or both, for employees. The Director of the Bureau of General Services may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

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This bill requires that companies that provide livable wages and health insurance to their employees receive preference in bidding on state contracts.

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