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H.P. 73

House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

### **An Act To Prohibit Credit Checks for Purposes of Employment**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, CEBRA of Naples, FARRINGTON of Gorham,  
PINGREE of North Haven.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7051, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

3 **8. Credit check prohibited.** The director or director's agent may not perform or  
4 require a credit check on an employee or a prospective employee as a condition of hiring,  
5 appointment or employment.

6 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §597,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 366, is amended by adding at  
7 the end a new paragraph to read:

8 An employer or agent of an employer may not perform or require a credit check on  
9 an employee or a prospective employee as a condition of hiring or employment.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill prohibits an employer, including the State, from running a credit check on a  
12 prospective or current employee as a condition of hiring, appointment or employment.