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### **An Act To Require Mapping of Conservation Easements, Purchases and Gifts**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government 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 RAYE of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIOTTI of Unity and  
Senators: GOOLEY of Franklin, NUTTING of Androscoggin, SHERMAN of Aroostook,  
Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, FLOOD of Winthrop, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill,  
MAREAN of Hollis.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶N**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 393, Pt. B, §4, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 N. Coordinate the development of solid waste management policy including:

5 (1) Collecting and analyzing solid waste management and recycling data from  
6 all available sources including commercial and municipal entities;

7 (2) Preparing a solid waste management and recycling plan to be submitted to  
8 the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 1998 and every 5 years thereafter;  
9 and

10 (3) Providing technical and financial assistance to municipalities in waste  
11 reduction and recycling activities; ~~and~~

12 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶O**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §10, is  
13 amended to read:

14 O. Own, design, develop or operate, or contract with private parties to operate, a  
15 solid waste disposal facility, as provided in Title 38, chapter 24, subchapter ~~IV~~ 4;  
16 and

17 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §3305, sub-§1, ¶P** is enacted to read:

18 P. Develop and maintain a database containing information on all publicly owned  
19 lands held for conservation or recreation purposes including but not limited to all  
20 lands designated under Title 12, section 598-A and privately owned lands on which  
21 development rights have been removed by a conservation easement or other deed  
22 restriction. The record for each land parcel in the database must include acreage,  
23 ownership and the county and municipality, township or plantation where the parcel  
24 is located. The State Planning Office, in consultation with the Department of  
25 Conservation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and cooperating  
26 entities as defined in section 6201, subsection 2, shall establish criteria for  
27 categorizing types of ownership. An ownership category must be included in the  
28 record for each parcel along with identifying geographical coordinates when  
29 available.

30 The State Planning Office, in cooperation with the Maine Library of Geographic  
31 Information, shall produce, periodically update and make available to the public a  
32 map locating federal, state and other public land ownerships held for conservation or  
33 recreation and privately owned lands on which development is restricted or  
34 prohibited by conservation easements or other deed restrictions.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office to develop and  
37 maintain a database containing information on public and private lands on which, for  
38 conservation or recreation purposes, development is prohibited or restricted. It directs the

- 1 State Planning Office to work with the Maine Library of Geographic Information to
- 2 produce and make available to the public a map on which these lands are located.