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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 347**

S.P. 111

In Senate, February 3, 2009

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**An Act To Reduce Regulatory Costs for Maine Businesses**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development 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 SMITH of Piscataquis.

Cosponsored by Senators: HASTINGS of Oxford, RECTOR of Knox, Representative: CLARK of Millinocket.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to reduce regulatory costs for businesses in the State by  
6 establishing a council on private sector regulatory costs composed of private sector  
7 business leaders. The council would:

8 1. Have the power to compel staffing from any state agency;

9 2. Have the authority to compel a state agency to cooperate with the council in  
10 developing a new regulatory regime for State Government;

11 3. Develop a new approach to regulation of private sector businesses based on broad  
12 principles rather than specific rules and regulations; and

13 4. Report its findings and recommendations for the implementation of principle-based  
14 regulation to the Legislature by December 1, 2009.