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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 454

House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

### **An Act To Ensure Public Access to Records Relating to Public Contracts for Personal Services**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.  
Cosponsored by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BUTTERFIELD of Bangor, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, Speaker  
PINGREE of North Haven, PIOTTI of Unity, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, WRIGHT of Berwick,  
Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1816-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Access to public records.** As a condition of accepting a contract for services  
4 under this section, a contractor must agree, in any contract executed after October 1,  
5 2009, to treat all records relating to work performed under the contract as public records  
6 under the freedom of access laws to the same extent as if the work was performed directly  
7 by the department or agency.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill provides that records of personal services work performed by private  
10 contractors are open to the public to the same extent as records relating to work  
11 performed directly by the State.