

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 23, 2009

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**An Act To Reduce Maine's Debt by Applying Year-end  
Departmental Balances to the Debt Service**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COTTA of China.  
Cosponsored by Senator BRYANT of Oxford and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AYOTTE of Caswell, BROWNE of Vassalboro,  
BURNS of Whiting, CLARK of Easton, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CURTIS of  
Madison, FLETCHER of Winslow, HANLEY of Gardiner, HAYES of Buckfield, MARTIN of  
Eagle Lake, McKANE of Newcastle, NUTTING of Oakland, RICHARDSON of Warren,  
SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SIROIS of Turner, TARDY of Newport, WEAVER of York,  
WILLETTE of Presque Isle, Senators: COURTNEY of York, DAVIS of Cumberland,  
JACKSON of Aroostook, MARRACHÉ of Kennebec, MILLS of Somerset, NUTTING of  
Androscoggin, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, RECTOR of Knox, SHERMAN of Aroostook,  
SIMPSON of Androscoggin, SULLIVAN of York, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1585, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Close of fiscal year.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, at the close of the fiscal year,  
4 if there is an unused balance of any appropriation or subdivision of an appropriation made  
5 by the Legislature for any state department or agency to be used for that fiscal year, the  
6 State Controller shall transfer the unused balance to an account determined by the State  
7 Controller to satisfy a debt obligation of the State.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the State Controller at the end of the fiscal year to transfer the  
10 unused balance of a state department or agency appropriation made for that year to an  
11 account to satisfy a debt obligation of the State.