

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1078

House of Representatives, December 21, 2009

### **An Act To Ensure That Substantial State Contracts Receive Adequate Legal Review**

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Submitted by the Department of the Attorney General pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2009. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAUDETTE of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Senator SIMPSON of Androscoggin and  
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CONNOR of Kennebunk, MILLER of Somerville, Speaker  
PINGREE of North Haven, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, VAN WIE of New Gloucester, Senators:  
BARTLETT of Cumberland, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1816-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1816-B. Contract review**

4 **1. Review required.** A department or agency of the State shall submit to the  
5 Attorney General for review and approval a proposed contract for the purchase of goods  
6 or services by that department or agency if the proposed contract:

7 A. Has a total contract price that exceeds \$3,000,000; or

8 B. Exposes the State to substantial risk in the event of nonperformance.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires state agencies and departments to submit to the Attorney General  
11 every proposed contract for the purchase of goods or services that has a total contract  
12 price that exceeds \$3,000,000 or that exposes the State to substantial risk in the event of  
13 nonperformance.