



## **125th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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H.P. 426

House of Representatives, February 15, 2011

## An Act To Protect Legislative Intent in Rulemaking

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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No. 543

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative PRESCOTT of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and

Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn, BICKFORD of Auburn, BRIGGS of Mexico, BURNS of Whiting, CAREY of Lewiston, CEBRA of Naples, CHASE of Wells, CLARK of Easton, CLARKE of Bath, COTTA of China, DAMON of Bangor, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, DION of Portland, DOW of Waldoboro, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, EDGECOMB of Caribou, ESPLING of New Gloucester, EVES of North Berwick, FITTS of Pittsfield, FLEMINGS of Bar Harbor, FOSSEL of Alna, FOSTER of Augusta, FREDETTE of Newport, GIFFORD of Lincoln, GUERIN of Glenburn, HAMPER of Oxford, HARMON of Palermo, HARVELL of Farmington, HUNT of Buxton, JOHNSON of Eddington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MALABY of Hancock, McKANE of Newcastle, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, NASS of Acton, NEWENDYKE of Litchfield, OLSEN of Phippsburg, PETERSON of Rumford, RICHARDSON of Carmel, SARTY of Denmark, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, TILTON of Harrington, TUTTLE of Sanford, WATERHOUSE of Bridgton, WEAVER of York, WEBSTER of Freeport, WINSOR of Norway, WINTLE of Garland, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, RECTOR of Knox, ROSEN of Hancock, SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin, TRAHAN of Lincoln.

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 6 7 8 9	This bill requires the review of agency rule-making authority and establishes clearer distinctions between major substantive rules and routine technical rules to ensure that legislative grants of rule-making authority are clear and specific enough to not result in agency misunderstanding of legislative intent or overly broad construction of the grant of rule-making authority.