

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, April 20, 2011

### **An Act Regarding the Powers of the Director of the Maine State Museum Commission**

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Submitted by the Maine State Museum pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative RICHARDSON of Carmel and

Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, LOVEJOY of Portland, MAKER of Calais,  
RANKIN of Hiram.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §85-A, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 452, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **4. Solicitation and acceptance of gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments**  
5 **and membership fees.** To solicit and accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests,  
6 endowments and membership fees for purposes consistent with the purposes of this  
7 chapter. Any funds, if given as an endowment or trust, must be invested by the Treasurer  
8 of State according to the laws governing the investment of trust funds. All gifts, grants,  
9 donations, bequests and proceeds of endowment funds must be used solely to carry out  
10 the purposes for which they were made;

11 **Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §86, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 763, Pt. A, §77, is  
12 further amended to read:

13 **1. Acquisition.** The Maine State Museum is authorized to solicit and accept  
14 donations of property for the sole use of the museum ~~provided~~ as long as the donations  
15 are of a nature to carry out and promote the purposes of this chapter. The Maine State  
16 Museum may purchase works of art, artifacts and specimens for the enrichment of the  
17 collections from funds provided in the budget, secured from private donations or bequests  
18 or generated from the disposition of deaccessioned items.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill provides statutory authority for the Director of the Maine State Museum  
21 Commission to actively solicit the gifts, grants, donations, bequests, endowments and  
22 membership fees currently authorized for acceptance by the director.