

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, April 20, 2011

### An Act To Support Maine State Museum Accreditation

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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 §81**, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 502, §1, is amended to read:

3 **§81. Declaration of policy**

4 The Legislature declares it is the policy of the State that in order to further the  
5 cultural and educational interests of the people of the State, to present through the use of  
6 its collections and activities the proud heritage and unique historical background, and to  
7 preserve and exhibit the environmental and cultural richness of the State, there is  
8 established the Maine State Museum.

9 The Legislature further declares its expectation that the Maine State Museum will  
10 follow professional museum, scientific and artifact conservation standards to assemble  
11 and protect its tangible collections and intellectual assets held in public trust.

12 A general diffusion of the advantages of education being essential to promoting the  
13 common welfare, the Legislature recognizes these tangible collections and intellectual  
14 assets as educational resources essential to the Maine State Museum's mission and public  
15 trust responsibilities.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides a clear statement by the Legislature concerning standards the  
18 Maine State Museum must follow and the importance of its collections in order to address  
19 new accreditation requirements imposed by the American Association of Museums,  
20 which provides accreditation for the Maine State Museum.