

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 426

In Senate, March 26, 2013

### An Act To Maintain the Integrity of the Fund for a Healthy Maine

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth and  
Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln, LACHOWICZ of Kennebec,  
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GATTINE of  
Westbrook, STUCKEY of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1511, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. V, §1, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **5. General Fund limitation.** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this  
5 section, any program, expansion of a program, expenditure or transfer authorized by the  
6 Legislature using the Fund for a Healthy Maine may not be transferred to the General  
7 Fund ~~without specific legislative approval.~~

8 **SUMMARY**

9 Under current law, the Fund for a Healthy Maine is funded by ongoing funds from  
10 the so-called tobacco settlement. These funds may not be transferred to the General Fund  
11 to be used for any purpose other than specified prevention and health promotion purposes  
12 except when specifically approved by the Legislature.

13 This bill removes the provision of current law that allows the Legislature to approve  
14 transfers of funds from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the General Fund.