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House of Representatives, January 27, 2015

An Act To Ban the United Nations Agenda 21 in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative LONG of Sherman.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, DUNPHY of Embden, O'CONNOR of Berwick,
STANLEY of Medway, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TIMMONS of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA c. 22** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 22**

4 **PROTECTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

5 **§831. United Nations Agenda 21; international laws**

6 **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the
7 following terms have the following meanings.

8 A. "Agenda 21" means the plan of action adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at
9 the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and published in
10 "Agenda 21: Earth Summit - The United Nations Programme of Action from Rio"
11 (United Nations publication, ISBN 9789211005097, 1993).

12 B. "Political subdivision" means any municipality, plantation, county, quasi-
13 municipal corporation or special purpose district, including any public-private
14 partnership, of the State.

15 C. "Public-private partnership" means any partnership in which the State or a
16 municipality, plantation, county, quasi-municipal corporation or special purpose
17 district is a partner.

18 D. "State" means the State and any office, department, agency, authority,
19 commission, board, institution, hospital or other instrumentality of the State.

20 **2. Prohibition on restricting private property rights.** The State or any political
21 subdivision may not adopt or implement policies that intentionally or recklessly infringe
22 on or restrict private property rights without due process as may be required by policy
23 recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21 or any international law or
24 ancillary plan of action that contravenes the United States Constitution or the Constitution
25 of Maine.

26 **3. Prohibition on transactions with organizations assisting in implementation of**
27 **Agenda 21 policies.** Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the State or any
28 political subdivision may not enter into any agreement with, expend any sum of money
29 for, receive funds or contract services from or give financial aid to any nongovernmental
30 or intergovernmental organization accredited or enlisted by the United Nations to assist in
31 the implementation of the United Nations policies related to Agenda 21.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill prohibits the State or any political subdivision of the State from adopting or
34 implementing policies originating in the United Nations Agenda 21 or other international
35 laws that restrict private property rights without due process. Because the United Nations
36 has accredited and enlisted numerous nongovernmental and intergovernmental
37 organizations to assist in the implementation of its policies related to Agenda 21 around

1 the world, the bill prohibits the State or any political subdivision from entering into
2 agreements or financial arrangements with those organizations.