

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

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Legislative Document

No. 816

S.P. 290

In Senate, March 10, 2015

### An Act To Reform Welfare and Eliminate the Welfare Cliff

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Senator: MASON of Androscoggin.

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 This bill proposes to enact measures designed to reform welfare and eliminate the so-  
6 called welfare cliff. This bill would establish a system of gradual reduction, rather than  
7 an abrupt cessation, of welfare benefits to an individual as the individual's income rises.