

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 635

House of Representatives, March 12, 2015

An Act To Facilitate Long-range Planning in Certain Municipalities

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

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 facilitate the ability of so-called
6 "one-industry towns" to plan for, and recover from, the closure of that one industry. The
7 measures proposed by the bill may include, but are not limited to:

8 1. The imposition of a fee on any ancillary commodity produced by the industry,
9 such as hydropower produced by a mill, and remitting the amount of the fee to the town;

10 2. A requirement that municipalities that are reliant on a single industry develop,
11 with representatives of the industry, a long-term plan for the industry and any ancillary
12 commodity produced by the industry; and

13 3. A requirement that an industry provide municipal officials written notice of its
14 plan to terminate its business at least 90 days prior to the intended termination.