

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1079

House of Representatives, February 16, 2016

**An Act To Require That Public Postsecondary Educational  
Institutions in the State Give Preference to Maine Producers When  
Entering into Contracts Related to Heating Fuel**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DUCHESNE of Hudson, MARTIN of Sinclair,  
SCHNECK of Bangor, Senators: EDGECOMB of Aroostook, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1824-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§1824-B. Public postsecondary educational institution heating fuel purchases**

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

6 A. "Heating fuel" means a fuel used for the purpose of heating a residence or  
7 business.

8 B. "Public postsecondary educational institution" means the University of Maine  
9 System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System.

10 **2. Preference.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when entering into a  
11 contract to purchase heating fuel, a public postsecondary educational institution shall give  
12 preference to companies producing in the State the type of heating fuel to be purchased  
13 under the contract.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and  
16 the Maine Community College System, when entering into a contract for heating fuel, to  
17 give preference to companies producing that type of heating fuel in the State.