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H.P. 1126

House of Representatives, June 7, 2017

**An Act Concerning Private Personal Information of Public
Employees and Licensed Individuals**

Reported by Representative MOONEN of Portland for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph
G.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint
Rule 218.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §434, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Private personal information of public employees and licensed individuals.**
4 When the review committee reviews and evaluates a proposed public records exception
5 concerning the private personal information of a public employee or a professional and
6 occupational licensee or license applicant, the review committee shall balance the privacy
7 and safety interests of the individual involved concerning the individual's personal
8 information with the public's right to know regarding public employees and professional
9 and occupational licensees and license applicants.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill is based on a recommendation of the Right To Know Advisory Committee
12 concerning the protection of private personal information that may be considered public
13 records. The bill directs the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
14 jurisdiction over judiciary matters to balance the public's right to know about public
15 employees and professional and occupational licensees and license applicants with the
16 privacy and safety interests of the individuals involved when a proposed public records
17 exception concerns the private personal information of public employees and professional
18 or occupational licensees or license applicants.