

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 244

In Senate, February 13, 2023

**An Act to Facilitate Communication Between Pro Se Defendants  
and Assistant District Attorneys**

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Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative DILL of Old Town and  
Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, RECKITT of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §815**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 668, §1, is repealed.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill repeals the provision of the Maine Revised Statutes that generally prohibits a  
5 prosecutor from communicating with an unrepresented defendant concerning the facts,  
6 circumstances, merits or disposition of a pending criminal charge against that defendant  
7 unless the defendant has been notified by the court of the defendant's right to counsel and  
8 has executed in court a written waiver of the right to counsel.