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History and Final Disposition

LD 870 / SP0367

Original Title: An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Extending Laws Against Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation. New Title: An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Speech Protections by Enacting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act. Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. Public Hearing 04/03/23. Majority (OTP-AM) Report Accepted 03/27/24. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) S-604. Carried Over: 07/26/23. Final Disposition: Enacted, Unsigned 04/13/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 626.

Original Bill

[LD 870 \(131st Legis. 2023\)](#)

Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law

[LD 870 / PL 2023, c. 626](#)

Committee Materials

Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

- (Master file available on request—please include citation: cf131-LD-0870.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(04/03/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(05/04/2023\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(01/10/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(JUD\) \(01/23/2024\)](#)

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New Drafts and Amendments

[Amendment CA \(S-604\) \(LD 870 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

Floor Proceedings and Debate

[HOUSE, February 28, 2023 \(H-144-156\)](#)

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[SENATE, February 28, 2023 \(S-189-208\)](#)

p. S-199

[SENATE, July 25, 2023 \(S-1531-1592\)](#)

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[HOUSE, July 25, 2023 \(H-1153-1189\)](#)

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[SENATE, March 25, 2024 \(S-2057-2069\)](#)

p. S-2067 (Amendment(s) S-604)

[HOUSE, March 27, 2024 \(H-1518-1543\)](#)

p. H-1526 (Amendment(s) S-604)

[HOUSE, March 28, 2024 \(H-1544-1557\)](#)

p. H-1556 (Amendment(s) S-604)

[SENATE, April 1, 2024 \(S-2125-2153\)](#)

p. S-2146 (Amendment(s) S-604)

Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2023, c. 626](#)

News Articles

Maine lawmakers expand protections against suits aimed at stifling free speech (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 3/28/2024, p. A8) • (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD08xx/nc131-LD-0870/BDN 240328E.pdf)

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