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Honorable Angus S. King, Jr.

Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor King:

Pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. Section 8056-A, I hereby submit my report on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

During 1999, there were 300 proposed rule notices advertised and 541 rules were adopted, which represented an increase of 3 proposed rules and 19 adopted rules from 1998. There were 13 major-substantive rules submitted to the First Regular Session of the 119th Legislature. This is a decrease of 2 from 1998. Additionally, during 1999, the cost of publishing the rule-making notices was \$260,447.56. This was an increase of \$6,904.56 from 1998. This amount was divided among the rule-making agencies *pro rata*.

At the end of 1999, there were 1,838 rules on file with the Secretary of State. This represents 86 more rules than were on file at the end of 1998.

As required by the APA law, comments on the progress of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act were solicited from the public by publishing a notice in five daily Maine newspapers. We also solicited comments from state agencies. We received one comment from the Interim Executive Director of the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission who stated that he was "satisfied with the way the A.P.A. worked."

Direct access to the full texts of Maine's rule chapters and regulatory agendas may be found through a clickable button on the Department's home page on the World-Wide Web:

<http://www.state.me.us/sos/>

Please feel free to direct any inquiries regarding the A.P.A. to Don Wismer, Administrative Procedure Coordinator at 287-6381, or to Lucille Weeks, A.P.A. Officer at 287-4184.

Sincerely yours,

Dan A. Gwadosky
Secretary of State

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