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## **An Act To Retain Business in the State By Amending the Law Governing State Contract Bids**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15. Preference for businesses located in the State.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Director of the Bureau of General Services shall adopt rules establishing a preference percentage of 5% for a business:

- A. Whose principal place of business is located in the State; and
- B. That pays a majority of its payroll to residents of the State.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules establishing a preference percentage of 5% for Maine businesses bidding for state contracts. The rules are routine technical rules.