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**An Act To Improve Transparency in State Code and License
Violations by Making Public the Names of Complainants**

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Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 **7. Public records; complaints alleging violations of orders, codes or license**
4 **provisions.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, "public record" includes
5 the name or identity of any person who files a complaint alleging a violation of an order,
6 code, license provision or any other requirement placed upon a person by a government
7 official or agency under the laws or rules of the State or any government subdivision of the
8 State.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires under the Freedom of Access Act the name or identity of any person
11 who files a complaint alleging a violation of an order, code, license provision or any other
12 requirement placed upon a person by a government official or agency under the laws or
13 rules of the State or any government subdivision of the State to be made public upon
14 request.