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**An Act To Extend from 6 Months to One Year the Notice Period
Required under the Maine Tort Claims Act**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8107, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 327, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Notice requirements for filing.** Within ~~180~~ 365 days after any claim or cause of
5 action permitted by this chapter accrues, or at a later time within the limits of section
6 8110, when a claimant shows good cause why notice could not have reasonably been
7 filed within the ~~180-day~~ 365-day limit, a claimant or a claimant's personal representative
8 or attorney shall file a written notice containing:

9 A. The name and address of the claimant, and the name and address of the
10 claimant's attorney or other representative, if any;

11 B. A concise statement of the basis of the claim, including the date, time, place and
12 circumstances of the act, omission or occurrence complained of;

13 C. The name and address of any governmental employee involved, if known;

14 D. A concise statement of the nature and extent of the injury claimed to have been
15 suffered; and

16 E. A statement of the amount of monetary damages claimed.

17 **Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §8107, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 249, §1, is further
18 amended to read:

19 **2. Incapacity.** If the claimant is incapacitated and thereby prevented from presenting
20 and filing the claim within the time prescribed or if the claimant is a minor, the claim may
21 be presented and filed on behalf of the claimant by any relative, attorney or agent
22 representing the claimant. If the claimant is a minor when the cause of action accrues, the
23 notice may be presented within ~~180~~ 365 days of the minor's attaining 18 years of age.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill extends from 180 days to one year the notice period required under the
26 Maine Tort Claims Act.