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S.P. 288

In Senate, March 8, 2011

**An Act To Exempt Municipalities from Indemnification Provisions  
in State Contracts**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

*Joseph G. Carleton Jr.*

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HILL of York.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, EVES of North Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5657** is enacted to read:

3 **§5657. Limitation on indemnification**

4 The State, including state agencies, boards, commissions and departments, may not,  
5 by written agreement, require that it be held harmless or indemnified by a municipality  
6 for claims, unless grounded in bodily injury, including death, or property damage  
7 resulting from the sole negligence of the municipality or its agents, servants or  
8 employees.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill provides that the State, including state agencies, boards, commissions and  
11 departments, may not, by written agreement, require that it be held harmless or  
12 indemnified by a municipality for claims, unless grounded in bodily injury, including  
13 death, or property damage resulting from the sole negligence of the municipality or its  
14 agents, servants or employees.