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House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

**An Act To Strengthen Maine Small Business by Establishing a
Preference Percentage for State Contract Bids**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Easton, EDGECOMB of Caribou, LONG of Sherman, MARTIN
of Eagle Lake, McFADDEN of Dennysville, THERIAULT of Madawaska, WILLETTE of
Mapleton.

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

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

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

6 A. With 50 or fewer employees and gross sales of less than \$5,000,000 within the
7 most recent 12 months for which financial records are available;

8 B. Whose principal place of business is located in the State;

9 C. That pays a majority of its payroll to residents of the State; and

10 D. That provides health and retirement benefits to its employees as determined in
11 subsection 11.

12 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter
13 375, subchapter 2-A.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the
16 Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adopt rules establishing a
17 preference percentage of up to 15% for Maine small businesses bidding for state
18 contracts. The rules are routine technical rules.