**§533. InforME established; purposes**

Information Resource of Maine, referred to as "InforME," is established with the following purposes: [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Electronic gateway.**  To serve as a self-supporting and cost-effective electronic gateway to provide and enhance access to the State's public information for individuals, businesses and other entities and to provide electronic services;

[PL 2003, c. 406, §3 (AMD).]

**2. Rational, standardized, comprehensive services.**  To provide rational, standardized and comprehensive services by enabling universal continuous access to accurate, current public information that may be searched to suit the user's own purposes. These services include, at a minimum, providing standardized access to customized databases, data custodians' databases and links to other information sources;

[PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**3. Electronic transactions.**  To conduct electronic transactions;

[PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Electronic dissemination of public information.**  To assist state agencies in electronically disseminating public information in their custody;

[PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**5. Constantly improve access and utility.**  To constantly improve access to and the utility of the public information available through InforME by exploring and, where appropriate, implementing ways to:

A. Expand the amount and kind of public information available free of charge; [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

B. Increase the utility of the public information provided and the form in which it is provided; [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

C. Expand the base of users who access the public information; and [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

D. Improve individual and business access to public information through improvements in technology; [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

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**6. Accuracy of information.**  To provide opportunities for individuals, businesses and other entities to review public information for accuracy and to indicate to the data custodian when corrections may be appropriate;

[PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**7. Information conduit.**  To provide a mechanism for the authorized transfer of nonpublic information;

[PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

**8. Private-public partnerships and interagency cooperation.**  To promote opportunities for private-public partnerships and interagency cooperation;

[PL 2003, c. 406, §4 (AMD).]

**9. Innovative uses of information.**  To provide opportunities for innovative uses of public information; and

[PL 2003, c. 406, §4 (AMD).]

**10. Collection of funds.**  To collect funds for information and electronic services provided and transactions conducted electronically. State funds must be either directly deposited into an account of the Treasurer of State or transferred in a timely manner to a state deposit account as mutually agreed upon by the Treasurer of State and InforME.

[PL 2003, c. 406, §5 (NEW).]

Nothing in this Act may be construed to affect the rights of persons to inspect or copy public records under chapter 13, subchapter I or the duty of data custodians to provide for public inspection and copying of those records. [PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1997, c. 713, §1 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 406, §§3-5 (AMD).

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