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### An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative LIBBY of Auburn.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 3 MRSA c. 39** is enacted to read:

3                                       **CHAPTER 39**

4                                       **LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING STANDARDS**

5       **§1051. Content standards for legislation**

6               All legislation drafted for introduction to the Legislature must be written in a manner  
7       that allows it to become law if not amended and may not be an abstract or concept of the  
8       intent of the legislation. Legislation that does not comply with this section may not be  
9       referred to a committee of the Legislature for a hearing.

10                                      **SUMMARY**

11               This bill requires all legislation to be completely drafted before introduction to the  
12       Legislature and not an abstract or concept of the intent of the legislation. Legislation that  
13       is not drafted in a manner that allows it to become law if not amended may not be referred  
14       to a committee of the Legislature for a hearing.