

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE

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H.P. 1203 - L.D. 1797

**An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right to Know Advisory  
Committee Concerning Denials of Public Records Requests**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§4**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Refusals; denials.** If a body or an agency or official having custody or control of any public record refuses permission to inspect or copy or abstract a public record, the body or agency or official shall provide, within 5 working days of the receipt of the request for inspection or copying, written notice of the denial, stating the reason for the denial or the expectation that the request will be denied in full or in part following a review. A written notice of a denial must contain a citation to the statutory authority used as the basis for the denial. A request for inspection or copying may be denied, in whole or in part, on the basis that the request is unduly burdensome or oppressive if the procedures established in subsection 4-A are followed. Failure to comply with this subsection is considered failure to allow inspection or copying and is subject to appeal as provided in section 409.