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**An Act To Require That Public Postsecondary Educational  
Institutions in the State Give Preference to Maine Producers  
When Entering into Contracts Related to Heating Fuel**

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1824-B** is enacted to read:

**§ 1824-B. Public postsecondary educational institution heating fuel purchases**

**1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Heating fuel" means a fuel used for the purpose of heating a residence or business.

B. "Public postsecondary educational institution" means the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System.

**2. Preference.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when entering into a contract to purchase heating fuel, a public postsecondary educational institution shall give preference to companies producing in the State the type of heating fuel to be purchased under the contract.

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the University of Maine System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the Maine Community College System, when entering into a contract for heating fuel, to give preference to companies producing that type of heating fuel in the State.