**An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag**

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

**Sec.** **1. 1 MRSA §206** is amended to read:

**§****206.** **State flag**

The flag to be known as the official flag of the State ~~shall be of blue, of the same color~~ ~~as the blue field in the flag of the United States, and of the following dimensions and~~ ~~designs; to wit, the length or height of the staff to be 9 feet, including brass spearhead and~~ ~~ferrule; the fly of said flag to be 5 feet 6 inches, and to be 4 feet 4 inches on the staff; in the~~ ~~center of the flag there shall be embroidered in silk on both sides of the flag the coat of~~ ~~arms of the State, in proportionate size; the edges to be trimmed with knotted fringe of~~ ~~yellow silk, 2 1/2 inches wide; a cord, with tassels, to be attached to the staff at the~~ ~~spearhead, to be 8 feet 6 inches long and composed of white and blue silk strands~~ must be buff, charged with the emblem of the State, a pine tree proper, in the center, and the North Star, a mullet of 5 points, in blue in the upper corner; the star to be equidistant from the hoist and the upper border of the flag, the distance from the 2 borders to the center of the star being equal to about 1/4 of the hoist, this distance and the size of the star being proportionate to the size of the flag. A flag made in accordance with the description given in this section ~~shall~~ must be kept in the office of the Adjutant General as a model.

**Sec.** **2. 37-B MRSA §384,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

**§****384.** **Flag to be carried**

The flag of the State to be carried by the National Guard ~~shall~~ must be the same as the flag described in Title 1, section 206, with addition of a scroll in red below the ~~coat of arms~~ emblem of the State bearing the inscription, "Maine National Guard."

**SUMMARY**

This bill replaces the current State of Maine flag with the flag that was in use before 1909.