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H.P. 536

House of Representatives, March 5, 2021

### **An Act To Improve Transparency in State Code and License Violations by Making Public the Names of Complainants**

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Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

**7. Public records; complaints alleging violations of orders, codes or license provisions.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, "public record" includes the name or identity of any person who files a complaint alleging a violation of an order, code, license provision or any other requirement placed upon a person by a government official or agency under the laws or rules of the State or any government subdivision of the State.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires under the Freedom of Access Act the name or identity of any person who files a complaint alleging a violation of an order, code, license provision or any other requirement placed upon a person by a government official or agency under the laws or rules of the State or any government subdivision of the State to be made public upon request.