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**An Act To Provide Transparency Regarding State Contracts during
a State of Emergency**

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senator: BENNETT of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Contracts.** For any contract entered into by the State pursuant to the powers granted
4 the Governor under this chapter that does not meet the requirements of Title 5, Part 4,
5 within 72 hours after execution of the contract the Governor shall publish and make
6 publicly available, including on the Governor's publicly accessible website, the complete
7 terms and text of the contract.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the Governor to publish and make publicly available within 72 hours
10 the complete terms and text of a contract that does not follow the competitive bidding or
11 other procedures required by the statutes because the Governor entered into the contract
12 pursuant to the powers granted the Governor during an emergency.