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**An Act To Require That Employees Be Informed of Potential
Eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Heather J.R. Priest'.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Augusta and
Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MIRAMANT of Knox,
SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BLUME of York, STANLEY of
Medway, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §42-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§42-C. Notification regarding earned income tax credit eligibility**

4 **1. Bureau to provide poster or notice.** The bureau shall produce and furnish to
5 employers posters or notices in printed form that state that an employee may be eligible
6 for federal and state earned income tax credits and that the employee may apply for the
7 tax credits on the employee's income tax returns.

8 **2. Employer to post notice.** An employer shall post and keep posted in a place
9 accessible to the employer's employees a copy of the printed poster or notice furnished by
10 the bureau. An employer who violates this section is subject to the penalties set forth in
11 section 704.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to provide a
14 poster or notice to employers that states that employees may be eligible for the earned
15 income tax credit. This bill requires employers to post the poster or notice in a place that
16 is accessible to the employer's employees.