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An Act To Limit Consent Regarding Land Transfers to the Federal Government

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THOMAS of Somerset. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §15** is amended to read:

3 **§15. Consent of Legislature to acquisition of land by United States for public**
4 **buildings; record of conveyances**

5 In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section VIII,
6 Clause 17, and Acts of Congress in such cases provided, the consent of the Legislature is
7 given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase,
8 condemnation or otherwise, of any land in this State not exceeding 5 square miles
9 required for the erection of lighthouses or for sites for customhouses, courthouses, post
10 offices, arsenals or other public buildings, or for any other purposes of the government.
11 Deeds and conveyances or title papers for the same ~~shall~~ must be recorded upon the land
12 records of the county or registry district in which the land so conveyed may lie; and in
13 like manner may be recorded a sufficient description by metes and bounds, courses and
14 distances, of any tracts and legal divisions of any public lands belonging to the United
15 States set apart by the general government for either of the purposes before mentioned, by
16 an order, patent or other official paper so describing such land.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill amends the blanket consent that is statutorily given by the State to the
19 Federal Government to acquire lands required for various government purposes. The bill
20 limits the consent to the acquisition of land not exceeding 5 square miles.