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An Act To Increase Transparency in Certain Expenditures of the Governor

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and
Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, DOLLOFF of Milton Township.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §9, is repealed and the following
3 enacted in its place:

4 **§2. Expense account**

5 **1. Use by Governor.** The "Governor's Expense Account" must be credited with those
6 amounts that are appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose. This appropriation must
7 be available for expenditure by the Governor at the Governor's discretion. This account is
8 not subject to audit, except as to total amount to be paid and as provided in subsection 2.

9 **2. Report of certain expenditures.** Annually, by March 1st, the Governor shall
10 submit a report to the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices detailing
11 any expenditure of \$250 or more made from the Governor's Expense Account.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires an annual report by the Governor to the Commission on
14 Governmental Ethics and Election Practices of any expenditure of \$250 or more from the
15 Governor's Expense Account.