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An Act To Permit the Indoor Production of Industrial Hemp

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHANSEN of Monticello. Cosponsored by Senator KEIM of Oxford and Representatives: ANDREWS of Paris, COSTAIN of Plymouth, DeVEAU of Caribou, FECTEAU of Augusta, HANINGTON of Lincoln, MORRIS of Turner, STANLEY of Medway, WHITE of Washburn.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period 4 to help ensure industrial hemp producers do not lose a year of production; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore,

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

10 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 202, §1, is further 11 amended to read:

3. Application. A person desiring to grow industrial hemp for commercial purposes
shall apply to the commissioner for a license on a form prescribed by the commissioner.
The application must include the name and address of the applicant, the legal description
of the land area or indoor facility to be used for the production of industrial hemp and a
map, an aerial photograph or global positioning coordinates sufficient for locating the
production fields or the floor plan of any indoor production facility.

18 **Sec. 2. Rules.** The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall 19 amend its rules regarding industrial hemp to allow for the indoor production of industrial 20 hemp. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the 21 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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25 This bill allows for the indoor production of industrial hemp.