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An Act to Classify Meat and Poultry Products Inspections as Essential Services

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GUERIN of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Dexter and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, HICKMAN of Kennebec, INGWERSEN of York, Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, OSHER of Orono, PLUECKER of Warren.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 28, Pt. C, §1, is amended to read:
4 5	E. In dealing with a declared state of emergency under this subsection, the Governor shall ensure that:
6 7 8	(1) Medical privacy and confidentiality requirements, including but not limited to requirements under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, are followed; and
9 10	(2) Health care services and surgeries are not considered to be nonessential services.; and
11 12	(3) Inspections under the meat and poultry products inspection and licensing program under Title 22, chapter 562-A are considered to be essential services.
13	SUMMARY
14 15 16	This bill requires the Governor, in dealing with a declared state of emergency, to ensure that inspections under the meat and poultry products inspection and licensing program are considered to be essential services.