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**An Act To Protect Minority Religious Groups by Eliminating the  
Prior Approval Requirement for a School Absence for a Recognized  
Religious Holiday**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.  
Cosponsored by Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 304, §2, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 C. Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required  
5 during the regular school day ~~and the absence has prior approval;~~

6 **SUMMARY**

7 This bill removes the requirement for prior approval for a school absence for a  
8 recognized religious holiday.