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An Act To Exempt Certain Businesses from Being Considered Campgrounds

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MASON of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and Senators: HAMPER of Oxford, PATRICK of Oxford, Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HARVELL of Farmington, McCABE of Skowhegan, SHAW of Standish.

- 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,** the racing season takes place during the spring and summer months and 4 this year likely will be before 90 days after adjournment; and
- 5 Whereas, the current provisions of law regarding campgrounds could cause one or 6 more racetracks in the State to not be able to operate or even close for the upcoming 7 racing season; and
- 8 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 9 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 10 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 11 therefore,
- 12 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 13 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2492, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

14 **4. Racetracks and other mass assembly purposes.** A commercial lot permitted by 15 the municipality for use as a racetrack or for another purpose involving a mass public 16 gathering is not a campground under this section if any camping is incidental to the 17 purpose and the owner or renter of the lot does not charge a fee beyond the attendance fee 18 for a person to camp overnight on the lot.

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

SUMMARY

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This bill exempts from licensing as a campground a commercial lot permitted by the municipality as a racetrack or for another mass public gathering purpose and any camping is incidental to the purpose and the owner or renter of the lot does not charge a fee beyond the attendance fee for a person to camp overnight on the lot.