**An Act To Prohibit the Unequal Restriction of Essential Businesses during a State of Civil Emergency**

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

**Sec.** **1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§1, ¶E** is enacted to read:

E. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, the Governor may not restrict the operation of any essential business, which is any private business that employs a person in this State, without restricting all essential businesses in the same manner.

**SUMMARY**

This bill prohibits the Governor from restricting the operation of a private business during a state of emergency unless the Governor restricts all private businesses in the same manner.