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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 832, L.D. 2134, "An Act to Create an Exception to the Prohibition of Tobacco Sales in Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies for Certain Small Grocery Stores"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Public Law 2025, chapter 493 takes effect April 1, 2026, which is earlier than 90 days after the statutory adjournment date of the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature; and

Whereas, the pharmacies and grocery stores that are affected by this legislation are already in business, and their licenses are renewed on April 1st of each year; and

Whereas, this legislation must be in effect by the effective date of Public Law 2025, chapter 493; and

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

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 7 in paragraph D in the first line (page 1, line 35 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "establishment" the following: 'at the same geographic'

Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

'**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect April 1, 2026.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. It also clarifies that the retail establishment containing a pharmacy must remain at the same geographic location as that establishment was in prior to July 7, 2025.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)