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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 603, L.D. 1488, “An Act Regarding Cannabis Testing and the Manufacture of Cannabis and Hemp Products”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing'

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, certain additional testing requirements, which this legislation removes, result in a significant financial burden on certain adult use cannabis businesses that have already performed required testing on the adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis product; and

Whereas, the Legislature considered this issue in the prior legislative session, but a final resolution was unable to be determined at that time; and

Whereas, the Legislature has determined that it is necessary to provide more immediate relief to those affected; 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 by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §605, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §120, is further amended to read:

4. No subsequent further processing, manufacturing or alteration. Since the performance of the prior testing under subsection 1, the cannabis or cannabis product has not undergone any further processing, manufacturing or alteration that would result in an

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1 increase in the concentration of any contaminants or factors identified in section 602,
2 subsection 1 or in any rules adopted by the office pursuant to that section. For the purposes
3 of this subsection, "further processing, manufacturing or alteration" does not include the
4 use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of an edible cannabis product, except for testing
5 under section 602, subsection 1, paragraph F.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
7 takes effect when approved.'

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

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SUMMARY

11 This amendment removes the provision in the bill allowing the simultaneous use of
12 manufacturing-related equipment, supplies and facilities for the manufacturing of cannabis
13 products and hemp products. It also provides that the use of cannabis concentrate in the
14 creation of an edible cannabis product is not considered further processing, manufacturing
15 or alternation for the purpose of additional testing, except for testing for
16 tetrahydrocannabinol potency, homogeneity and cannabinoid profiles to ensure correct
17 labeling. The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)