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

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Presented by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: COSTAIN of Plymouth, DRINKWATER of Milford, JAVNER of Chester,
POIRIER of Skowhegan, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators: KEIM of Oxford, POULIOT of
Kennebec.

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

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

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

7 **SUMMARY**

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