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An Act To Protect Public Lands

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BENNETT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Representative O'NEIL of Saco and Senators: BLACK of Franklin, BRENNER of Cumberland, MAXMIN of Lincoln, Representatives: GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, LANDRY of Farmington, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

| 1                          | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:   |
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| 2                          | Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §598-C is enacted to read:  |
| 3                          | §598-C. Process for determination of substantially altered; use of designated land  |
| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8<br>9 | The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands<br>shall adopt rules to establish an objective evaluation process for determining if a proposed<br>activity on land designated under this chapter would cause the land to be reduced or<br>substantially altered. These rules must also include provisions for public notice and<br>comment before authorizing any such activity and for determining the appropriate<br>instrument to be used to authorize that activity, including but not limited to whether an |
| 10<br>11                   | easement, lease, license or other instrument should be used. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.   |
| 12                         | SUMMARY   |
| 13<br>14<br>15<br>16       | This bill requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of<br>Parks and Lands to adopt rules that establish an objective evaluation process for<br>determining if a proposed activity on designated land would cause the land to be reduced<br>or substantially altered and designates those rules as major substantive rules.  |