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An Act To Make Amendments to the Laws Governing Marijuana To Increase Consistency and Safety

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

Whereas, in order to ensure consistency and safety, this legislation must take effect immediately; 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,

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

B. Use, possess or transport at any one time up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana ~~or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate;~~

Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

C. Transfer or furnish, without remuneration, to a person 21 years of age or older up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana ~~or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate;~~

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

F. Subject to the limitations imposed under paragraph B, purchase up to 2 1/2 ounces of adult use marijuana ~~or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of adult use marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate from a marijuana store; and~~

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

SUMMARY

The purpose of this bill is to align the marijuana possession and transfer limitations between the laws governing adult use marijuana and the laws governing marijuana for medical use. This bill removes language in the adult use marijuana laws that authorizes the use, possession, transport, transfer, furnishing or purchase of 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no

more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate and instead limits the permissible amount to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana.