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**An Act To Clarify Occupancy for Tents, Campers, Trailers and
Other Devices used for Camping in Unorganized Townships**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§18**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 16, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **18. Transient occupancy.** "Transient occupancy" means occupancy that does not
5 exceed 120 days in a calendar year. For purposes of this subsection, for a tent, tent
6 trailer, pickup camper, recreational vehicle, trailer or similar device used for camping,
7 occupancy is determined by the length of time a person is present in the tent, trailer,
8 camper, recreational vehicle or similar device.

9 **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§12** is enacted to read:

10 **12. Unoccupied camping devices.** An unoccupied tent, tent trailer, pickup camper,
11 recreational vehicle, trailer or similar device used for camping may be stored at a
12 campsite or campground in a space reserved for camping.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill clarifies that occupancy in the definition of "transient occupancy" for the
15 unorganized territories is determined by the length of time a person is present and allows
16 the storage of unoccupied camping devices such as tents, tent trailers, pickup campers,
17 recreational vehicles and trailers at campgrounds or campsites in reserved camping
18 spaces.