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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 76, L.D. 93, Bill, “An Act To Allow the Town of Berwick To Be Eligible for Full Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits”

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

'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits for the Town of Berwick and the City of Sanford'

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 6 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'E. Washington County ~~and~~ the Downeast region; and the City of Sanford, including ~~2~~ 3 pilot projects to be established by the commissioner:

(1) A pilot project for the property of the former Cutler naval computer and telecommunications station and a pilot project for the City of Sanford, which may be excluded from the qualified business definitions established under section 5250-I, subsections 16 and 17 if a for-profit business is engaged in, or will engage in, tourism development including recreational tourism, experiential tourism, hotel development and theme park resort facility development; and

(2) A pilot project that allows seasonal employees in seasonal industries based on natural resources to be considered qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employees for the purposes of section 5250-I, subsection 18; and'

SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of the bill and requires the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish a pilot project in the City of Sanford for tourism development, which may include theme park resort facility development. It retains the provision in the bill that allows the Town of Berwick in York County to be designated as a Pine Tree Development Zone tier 1 location in order to allow the town to be eligible for Pine Tree Development Zone benefits.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT