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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 14, L.D. 7, “An Act To Expand the Membership of the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §945-C, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 648, §5, is amended to read:

The Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center, referred to in this chapter as the "board of directors," consists of 7 11 directors elected from the membership ~~and~~ 5 directors appointed by the Governor and the president of the center, serving in an ex officio capacity. Each director is entitled to one vote. Board members' terms must be staggered as determined in the bylaws of the center.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §945-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 648, §5, is amended to read:

1. Elected directors. The members shall elect 7 11 directors from among the center's dues-paying membership.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §945-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 648, §5, is amended to read:

2. Governor-selected directors. The Governor shall select 5 directors, ~~one of whom must be the International Trade Director at the Department of Economic and Community Development. The other 4 directors~~ each of whom must have international business or professional experience.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §945-C, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 648, §5, is amended to read:

4. President. The International Trade Director at the Department of Economic and Community Development shall serve as the president of the center upon confirmation by a

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1 majority of the board of directors. Once every 2 years, the Governor shall submit the
2 International Trade Director's name to the board of directors for reappointment.
3 Reappointment is subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of directors. The
4 president shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the board of directors.'

5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
6 number to read consecutively.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment increases the number of elected directors on the Board of Directors
9 of the Maine International Trade Center from 7 to 11, rather than the 10 proposed in the
10 bill. It removes the requirement that one of the 5 appointed directors be the International
11 Trade Director at the Department of Economic and Community Development. It requires
12 that the president of the Maine International Trade Center serve as an ex officio voting
13 member of the board of directors.