STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4, ¶J is enacted to read:

- J. Unless the intent of a transferor is to avoid the objectives of this subchapter, the division of a tract or parcel of land accomplished by the transfer of any interest in the land to a holder does not create a lot or lots for purposes of this definition if:
 - (1) The transferred interest, as expressed by conservation easement, binding agreement, declaration of trust or otherwise, is to be permanently held for one or more of the following conservation purposes:
 - (a) Retaining or protecting the natural, scenic or open space values of the land:
 - (b) Ensuring the availability of the land for agricultural, forest, recreational or open space use;
 - (c) Protecting natural resources; or
 - (d) Maintaining or enhancing air quality or water quality; and
 - (2) The transferred interest is not subsequently further divided or transferred except to another holder.

As used in this paragraph, "holder" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 476, subsection 2.