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An Act To Recognize Local Control Regarding Food and Water Systems

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook. Cosponsored by Representative HICKMAN of Winthrop and Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: DUNPHY of Old Town, MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 7-A MRSA §101, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Local food system. "Local food system" means a community food system
 within a municipality that integrates food production, processing, consumption, direct
 producer-to-consumer exchanges and other traditional foodways to enhance the
 environmental, economic, social and nutritional health and well-being of the municipality
 and its residents.

8 Sec. 2. 7-A MRSA §201-B is enacted to read:

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9 §201-B. Local authority to regulate water and food systems

Pursuant to the home rule authority granted to municipalities by Title 30-A, section 3001 and by the Constitution of Maine, Article VIII, Part Second, and pursuant to section 201-A, and notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a municipal government may regulate by ordinance local food systems and the transport of water for commercial purposes beyond the boundaries of the municipality, and the State shall recognize such ordinances.

SUMMARY

17 This bill authorizes municipal governments to regulate local food systems and the 18 transport of water for commercial purposes by ordinance and requires the State to 19 recognize such ordinances.