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LD 182, An Act To Expand the Definition of "Essential Worker" To Include Retail and Food Service Workers

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §703, sub-§§9 and 10** are enacted to read:

**9. Essential businesses and operations.** “Essential businesses and operations” mean:

- A. Food processing and agriculture;
- B. Fishing and aquaculture;
- C. Industrial manufacturing;
- D. Construction and maintenance of essential infrastructure;
- E. Trash collection and transfer stations;
- F. Grocery and household goods, including convenience stores;
- G. Any eating establishment as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 7;
- H. Any retail establishment as defined in Title 22, section 1671, subsection 4;
- I. Forest products as defined in Title 12, section 8881, subsection 3;
- J. Home repair services as defined in Title 32, section 14501, subsection 6;
- K. Hardware and auto repair;
- L. Pharmacies as defined in Title 32, section 13702-A, subsection 24;
- M. Hospitals and the following facilities:
  - (1) Long-term care facilities as defined in Title 22, section 7942, subsection 3;
  - (2) Psychiatric hospitals, as defined in Title 34-B, section 3801, subsection 7-B;
  - (3) Residential care facilities as defined in Title 34-B, section 3801, subsection 8;
- N. Group homes and residential treatment facilities;

O. Biomedical, life science, behavioral health, health care, dental care and long-term service and supports providers and organizations;

P. Child care centers, child care facilities and family child care providers as defined in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A;

Q. Post offices and shipping outlets;

R. Any financial institution as defined in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 17;

S. Gas stations and laundromats;

T. Veterinary clinics, animal welfare and animal feed and supply stores;

U. Truck delivery and distribution of goods;

V. Public transportation;

W. Legal, business, professional environmental permitting and insurance services;

X. Lodging places as defined in Title 22, section 2491, subsection 7-F; and

Y. All utilities including electricity, water, wastewater and telecommunications.

**10. Essential worker.** “Essential worker” means any employee employed by an employer providing essential businesses and operations during a state of emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to section 742.

## **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. This amendment defines essential businesses and operations and essential worker to mean any employee employed in an essential business and operation at the time the governor declares a state of emergency.