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1 2	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
3	ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE
5 6	Legislative Document No. 1907
7 8 9	S. P. 811  Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 24.  Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.  MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.  Cosponsors: Representative Richard of Madison, Representative Soulas of Bangor and Senator Hichens of York.
10 11	STATE OF MAINE
12 13 14	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
15 16 17	AN ACT to Adjust the Eating, Lodging and Recreational Place Licensing Fee.
18	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
19 20	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA $\S2494$ , first $\P$ , first sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, $\S3$ , is amended to read:
21 22 23 24 25 26 27	Each application for, or for renewal of, a license to operate an eating establishment, eating and lodging place, lodging place, recreational camp, camping area or mobile home park within the meaning of this chapter shall be accompanied by a fee, appropriate to the size of the establishment, place, camp, area or park of the licensee, determined by the department and not to exceed \$30 \$50.
28 29	Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2494, 2nd ¶, 2nd sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, §3, is amended to read:
30 31	When additional inspections are required to determine an applicant's eligibility for licensure, the department is

authorized through its regulations to charge an additional \$10 \$15 fee to cover the costs of each additional inspection or visit.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2499, sub-§6, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, §3, is amended to read:

However, the licensee shall be required to pay the department a sum not to exceed \$5 \$10 to support the administrative costs of mailing and handling.

## Statement of Fact

In the past, the Department of Human Services employed a complement of 10 sanitarians responsible for the inspection and licensing of more than 8,000 eating and lodging establishments, mobile home parks and recreational camps. The fees charged for the support of the inspection and licensing program are established by statute and have not been increased for more than 5 years. The revenues they generated have not kept pace with the increases in expenses attributable to personnel costs and inflation. This problem has been increased by a reduction of federal support for public health services. The ability of the department to adequately protect the health and safety of the public has been adversely affected.