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An Act Concerning Blasting near Residential Areas

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta and
Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, SILSBY of Augusta.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill, as emergency legislation, proposes to amend the current law concerning
6 blasting and the use of explosives to break up or otherwise aid in the extraction or
7 removal of a rock or other consolidated natural formation near residential areas.

8 Specifically, the bill proposes to change the peak particle velocity standards in urban
9 compact areas to protect residential housing developments from excessive continuous
10 blasting. Further, the bill proposes to require a natural buffer between gravel pits and
11 residential areas.