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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake. Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Senator WEBSTER of Franklin and Representative JACOUES of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Establish a Moratorium on Land Leases Affecting Tree Growth Classification.

5 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-6 lature do not become effective until 90 days after 7 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8 Whereas, there is an immediate threat to the in-9 tegrity of the Tree Growth Tax Law as it is presently 10 administered: and

Whereas, there appears to be a concerted effort to circumvent ongoing planning and studies on the fu-12 ture of the State's forest lands; and

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Whereas, an immediate moratorium is necessary to
fully and properly address the issues, while avoiding
irreparable injury to the State's interests in its
forest resources and taxation methods; and

5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, 6 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 7 the Constitution of Maine and require the following 8 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-9 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 10 therefore,

11 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 12 follows:

13 36 MRSA §581-E is enacted to read:

14 §581-E. Moratorium

15 No person may rent, lease, convey or otherwise 16 transfer any beneficial interest in forest land in 17 the unorganized territory when that conveyance transfers an interest in a parcel greater than 100 acres, 18 and when that conveyance changes the primary use 19 of 20 the parcel. This section shall be repealed on Janu-21 ary 1, 1988.

22 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited 23 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-24 proved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to establish a moratorium on changes in use of large parcels of forest land. The moratorium will allow sufficient time to complete the present planning process and implement its recommendations.

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