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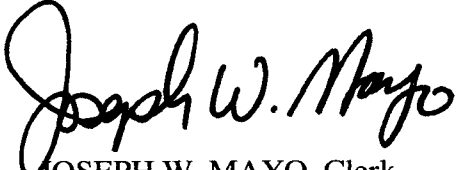
H.P. 1396

House of Representatives, March 23, 1999

An Act to Require All Businesses in the State to Obtain a License to Operate in the State.

(EMERGENCY)

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 Whereas, there are currently businesses that are not
required to be licensed; and

8 Whereas, there is a need to regulate those businesses as
soon as possible; and

10 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
12 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

18 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 2 is enacted to read:**

20 CHAPTER 2

22 BUSINESS

24 §21. Definitions

26 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
28 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

30 1. Business concern. "Business concern" means a person,
32 partnership or corporation engaged in providing property,
products or services for the purpose of gain, benefit or
34 advantage, either direct or indirect.

36 §22. License required

38 Beginning July 1, 1999, a business concern that is not
otherwise required by the Maine Revised Statutes to be licensed
in the State must be licensed by the Secretary of State. A
40 business concern that does not procure a license as required by
this section may not operate.

42 §23. Fee; term

44 A license issued under this chapter is for a term of one
46 year. The fee for an initial license and for a renewal of
license is \$10.

48 §24. Violation

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2 A business concern that does not procure a license under
3 this chapter and that continues to operate is subject to a civil
4 penalty of \$1,000 per day for each day the business concern is in
5 violation.

6 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
7 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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10 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires that business concerns that are not
13 already required to be licensed must obtain from the Secretary of
14 State a license to operate.