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An Act to Amend and Clarify the Powers and Duties of the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of York. Cosponsored by Representative McALEVEY of Waterboro and Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representative: BUMPS of China.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted 2 as emergencies; and 4 Whereas, the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated, is located in the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro; and 6 Whereas, the Lake Arrowhead Community, Incorporated, has 8 charged the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro membership 10 fees and assessments for property acquired by the 2 municipalities for reasons of tax delinquency; and 12 Whereas, the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro have 14 resisted these fees and assessments, and the matter has resulted in expensive and divisive litigation; and 16 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of 18 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and 20 safety; now, therefore, 22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 24 Sec. 1. P&SL 1995, c. 37, §13-A is enacted to read: 26 Sec. 13-A. Prohibited fees and assessments. Notwithstanding any 28 other provision of this Act or the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, chapter 31, the corporation may not charge a fee or 30 assessment for a property owned by a municipality, regardless of when a fee or assessment may have been incurred. 32 Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to all fees and 34 assessments levied by the corporation on or after January 1, 1995. 36 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved. 38 40 SUMMARY 42 This bill amends the charter of the Lake Arrowhead Incorporated, by forbidding community from Community, the 44 charging the Town of Limerick and the Town of Waterboro membership fees and assessments for property owned by the 46 municipalities.