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House of Representatives, December 26, 2001

An Act to Create the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2001. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft, CARR of Lincoln, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JONES of Greenville, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, TREADWELL of Carmel,
Senator: President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot.

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

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 12-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 12-A

MAINE-CANADA ENVOY

§261. Office created

The Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy is established within the Executive Department and is autonomous from any other state agency.

§262. Appointment; term; compensation

The Governor shall appoint an envoy to head the Office of Maine-Canada Envoy, referred to in this chapter as the "envoy," subject to confirmation by the Senate. The envoy must be chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of professional competence to perform the duties of that office. The envoy appointed in 2003 holds office until January 1, 2005. Thereafter, the envoy holds office for a term of 4 years. An envoy may be reappointed. The compensation of the envoy is fixed by the Governor.

§263. Duties

The envoy has, upon consent of the Governor, the duties and powers established under the following provisions governing relations with Canada.

1. Administration. The envoy shall administer the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy. In exercising the administration of the office, the envoy shall formulate policies, establish organizational and operational procedures and exercise general supervision. The envoy shall employ, with the approval of the Governor and subject to the Civil Service Law, those assistants as are necessary to carry out this chapter. The envoy shall adopt a seal for use in the official business of the office. The envoy has custody and control of the facilities provided for the administration of this chapter.

2. Advice. The envoy shall advise the Governor, the Legislature and the directors of other appropriate state departments or agencies on appropriate steps needed to coordinate state policy and state actions on commerce and other relations with Canadian provinces.

2. To perform research and provide assistance to State
2 Government, businesses and citizens to increase trade with Canada;

4 3. To act as an intermediary between Maine businesses and
citizens and Canada for trade; and

6 4. To administer the Office of the Maine-Canada Envoy.