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House of Representatives, February 20, 2003

**An Act To Designate the Department of Economic and Community
Development as the Lead Agency in the State's Response to Certain
Events**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator STANLEY of Penobscot and
Representatives: Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, DUPREY of
Medway, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, RICHARDSON of Brunswick, Senator:
President DAGGETT of Kennebec.

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,** this legislation needs to take effect before the
expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure the most
efficient and effective response possible by the State to the
8 events in the Katahdin region regarding the Great Northern Paper,
Inc. paper mills; 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. 5 MRSA §13056, sub-§5, ¶C,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
20 534, Pt. A, §§17 and 19, is amended to read:

22 C. Market the State of Maine and its communities as
suitable areas for business development; and

24 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13056, sub-§6, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1987, c.
26 534, Pt. A, §§17 and 19, is amended to read:

28 B. Other community planning and development assistance
programs of the State Planning Office; and

30 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §13056, sub-§7,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 534,
32 Pt. A, §§17 and 19, is amended to read:

34 **7. Contract for services.** When contracting for services,
36 ~~the department,~~ to the maximum extent feasible, shall seek to use
the State's private sector resources in conducting studies,
providing services and preparing publications; and

38 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13056, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

40 **8. Lead agency for response of state agencies to certain**
42 **events.** Be the lead agency for the State in coordinating the
44 response of state agencies to an event that causes the Department
of Labor to carry out rapid-response activities as described in
29 United States Code, Sections 2801 to 2872 (2002).

46 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
48 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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4 This bill designates the Department of Economic and
Community Development as the lead agency for the State in
6 coordinating the response of state agencies to an event that
causes the Department of Labor to carry out rapid-response
activities.

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