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An Act Regarding Sinks in Eating Establishments

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative McGOWAN of Pittsfield.
Cosponsored by Representative: PERRY of Bangor.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2502** is enacted to read:

6 **§2502. Eating establishment sinks**

8 **1. Using handwashing facilities.** An eating establishment shall maintain handwashing facilities for employees according to this subsection.

10 **A. A handwashing facility must be maintained so that it is**
12 **accessible for employee use.**

14 **B. An exclusive handwashing facility may not be used for**
16 **purposes other than handwashing.**

18 **C. For eating establishments built before January 1, 2000,**
20 **a sink with at least 3 compartments used for manually**
22 **washing, rinsing and sanitizing equipment and utensils may**
24 **be used by employees for handwashing.**

26 **2. Manual washing of utensils, etc.; sink compartment**
28 **requirements.** A sink with at least 3 compartments must be provided in any eating establishment for manually washing, rinsing and sanitizing equipment and utensils and, for eating establishments located in premises built before January 1, 2000, for handwashing.

30 **3. Drainboards.** One drainboard, utensil rack or table large enough to accommodate all soiled and cleaned items that may accumulate during hours of operation must be provided in an eating establishment for necessary utensil holding.

34 **SUMMARY**

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38 Currently, handwashing facilities in eating establishments are governed by rules of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. Under this bill, employees in eating establishments located in premises built before January 1, 2000 may wash their hands in 3-compartment sinks used primarily for warewashing. The bill also limits the number of drainboards required by law to one.