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An Act To Control Adult Entertainment Establishments

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHURCHILL of Orland, CHURCHILL of Washburn,
COLLINS of Wells, DUDLEY of Portland, JACKSON of Fort Kent, ROGERS of Brewer,
STONE of Berwick, WOTTON of Littleton.

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

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**CONCEPT DRAFT
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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10 This bill would prohibit the operation of adult
12 entertainment establishments within a specified radius of
14 churches, schools, public parks and residential zones. Under
16 this bill, "adult entertainment establishment" would be defined
18 as a sexually oriented business, including, but not limited to,
adult amusement stores, adult video stores, adult bookstores,
adult novelty stores, adult motion picture theaters, on-site
video screening establishments, adult arcades, adult
entertainment nightclubs or bars, adult spas, establishments
featuring strippers or erotic dancers and escort agencies.

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This bill would also require state licensing of all adult
entertainment establishment owners, managers and employees.

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24 The purpose of this bill is to protect the health, safety
26 and welfare of children and families in the State and preserve
28 their quality of life. It is not the intent of this bill to
suppress any speech activities protected by the First Amendment,
but to enact a content-neutral law that addresses the secondary
effects of sexually oriented businesses.