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H.P. 1167

House of Representatives, May 5, 2005

An Act To Retain Maine's Theater Teachers

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

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

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
Cosponsored by Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BOWEN of Rockport, CAIN of Orono, MUSE of
Fryeburg, PERCY of Phippsburg, SAMPSON of Auburn, WEBSTER of Freeport, Senator:
DAMON of Hancock.

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,** rules adopted by the Department of Education
relating to requirements for specific certificates and
endorsements for teachers are scheduled to become effective
8 August 1, 2005; and

10 **Whereas,** this legislation exempts from application of the
new requirements theater teachers who are currently employed on
12 the effective date of this Act; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. Exemption from application of certification requirements.**
Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is
24 employed as a theater teacher on the effective date of this Act
is not required to meet additional eligibility requirements or
26 obtain certificates or endorsements required by rules adopted by
the State Board of Education on April 14, 2004, Chapter 115:
28 Certification, Authorization and Approval of Education Personnel.

30 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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34 **SUMMARY**

36 The purpose of this bill is to exempt theater teachers who
are currently employed from additional requirements imposed by
38 rules adopted by the State Board of Education on April 14, 2004,
Chapter 115: Certification, Authorization and Approval of
40 Education Personnel.