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An Act To Reduce Regulatory Costs for Maine Businesses

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMITH of Piscataquis.
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and
Senators: BENOIT of Sagadahoc, GOOLEY of Franklin, SHERMAN of Aroostook,
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill, SAVIELLO of Wilton,
THERIAULT of Madawaska, THIBODEAU of Winterport.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
3 **SUMMARY**

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

5 This bill proposes to reduce regulatory costs for businesses in the State by
6 establishing a council on private sector regulatory costs composed of private sector
7 business leaders. The council would:

8 1. Have the power to compel staffing from any state agency;

9 2. Have the authority to compel a state agency to cooperate with the council in
10 developing a new regulatory regime for State Government;

11 3. Develop a new approach to regulation of private sector businesses based on broad
12 principles rather than specific rules and regulations; and

13 4. Report its findings and recommendations for the implementation of principle-based
14 regulation to the Legislature by December 1, 2007.