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House of Representatives, December 12, 2007

An Act Regarding the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 11, 2007. 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 SMITH of Monmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator BROMLEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BEAUDETTE of Biddeford, BEAULIEU of Auburn,
MacDONALD of Boothbay, SAMSON of Auburn, SILSBY of Augusta, Senators:
COURTNEY of York, SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, members of the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board do not receive any
4 compensation for their service on the board; and

5 **Whereas**, current law does not provide for members of that board to receive
6 reimbursement for their actual expenses incurred in connection with their service on the
7 board; and

8 **Whereas**, the inability to receive such reimbursement may adversely affect the
9 ability of some board members to continue to serve; and

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

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

15 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §57, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

16 7. Compensation. Board members are entitled to compensation for expenses only
17 pursuant to section 12004-I, subsection 2-G.

18 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-G** is enacted to read:

19 2-G.

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| 20 <u>Business</u> | <u>Maine Regulatory</u> | <u>Expenses Only</u> | <u>5 MRSA §57</u> |
| 21 | <u>Fairness Board</u> | | |

22 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
23 legislation takes effect when approved.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill allows the members of the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board to be
26 reimbursed for their expenses.