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**An Act To Promote Tourism in Maine and the Purchase of Products
Made in Maine**

Submitted by the Maine Turnpike Authority pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAMON of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland and Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, President EDMONDS of Cumberland, Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, CROCKETT of Augusta, EBERLE of South Portland, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, MAZUREK of Rockland, PEOPLES of Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1967, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c. 41, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **1. Property of the authority.** All property of the authority and all property held in
5 the name of the State pursuant to the provisions of this chapter are exempt from levy and
6 sale by virtue of any execution, and an execution or other judicial process is not a valid
7 lien upon property of the authority held pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The
8 authority may not lease, sell or otherwise convey, or allow to be used, any of its real or
9 personal property or easements in that property, franchises, buildings or structures, with
10 access to any part of the turnpike or its approaches, for commercial purposes, with the
11 exception of such intermodal transportation facilities, kiosks at rest areas, gasoline filling
12 stations, service and repair stations, tourist-oriented retail facilities, state and tri-state
13 lottery ticket agencies, automatic teller machines and restaurants as it determines
14 necessary to service the needs of the traveling public while using the turnpike, except that
15 the authority may erect or install or permit the erection or installation of electric power,
16 telegraph, telephone, communications, water, sewer or pipeline facilities; and provided
17 also that the leasehold interests in such intermodal transportation facilities, kiosks,
18 gasoline filling stations, service and repair stations, tourist-oriented retail facilities, state
19 and tri-state lottery ticket agencies, automatic teller machines and restaurants are subject
20 to taxation as provided in section 1971. In accordance with rules adopted pursuant to
21 section 1965, subsection 1, paragraph U, the authority may erect and maintain or allow to
22 be erected and maintained signs that contain names, symbols, trademarks, logos or other
23 identifiers of specific commercial enterprises. As used in this section, "tourist-oriented
24 retail facilities" means facilities that promote tourism in this State by selling products that
25 are made or primarily made in this State or to which value is added in this State.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill authorizes facilities along the Maine Turnpike to promote tourism in Maine
28 by selling products that are made or primarily made in Maine or to which value is added
29 in Maine.