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An Act To Repeal the Ban on the Sale and Furnishing of Hard Snuff

(EMERGENCY)

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

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CONNOR of Kennebunk and Senator: MILLS of Somerset.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4	Whereas, Public Law 2007, chapter 467 banned the sale of hard snuff effective September 20, 2007; and
5 , 6	Whereas, hard snuff may act as a risk reduction product for smokers and can be effective for persons seeking to curb or stop their smoking of tobacco; and
7 8	Whereas, the ban on hard snuff could lead to increased dependence on tobacco and decreased public health; and
9 10 11 12	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
13	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
14	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1560-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 467, §2, is repealed.
15 16	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
17	SUMMARY
18	This bill repeals the prohibition on the sale, furnishing or gifting of hard snuff.