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An Act To Exempt Certain Facilities from Increased Fire Sprinkler Requirements

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 Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 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 MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, Representative ANNIS of Dover-Foxcroft and Senators: DAMON of Hancock, SMITH of Piscataquis, WESTON of Waldo, Representative: JACKSON of Allagash.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2452, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Sprinkler requirements; existing nonresidential buildings.** For any
4 nonresidential building in existence on January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Public
5 Safety may not apply more stringent fire sprinkler requirements than the requirements in
6 existence on January 1, 2007. The commissioner shall make available to the public copies
7 of the fire sprinkler requirements in existence on January 1, 2007 for nonresidential
8 facilities.

9 **Sec. 2. Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2007.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill grandfathers nonresidential buildings in existence on January 1, 2007 by
12 exempting them from more stringent fire sprinkler requirements than those in effect on
13 January 1, 2007. The bill also requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to make copies
14 of the requirements in effect on January 1, 2007 available to the public.