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House of Representatives, March 19, 2015

**An Act To Ensure Proper Adoption of Rules by All Departments,
Agencies and Boards**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SIROCKI of Scarborough.

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 prohibit rule-making authority for rules having the force of law
6 when the provisions of those rules are not enacted by the Legislature or are otherwise
7 inconsistent with the legislative powers enumerated in the Constitution of Maine, Article
8 IV.

9 As proposed in this bill, departments, agencies, boards, commissions and quasi-
10 governmental entities may establish rules only for the purposes of performing the duties
11 charged to them; any rules outside the scope of this authority must be submitted to the
12 Legislature within one year of the effective date of this bill for enactment into law by the
13 Legislature. Any such rules not enacted by the Legislature within 2 years of the effective
14 date of this bill are considered void and without force of law.