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An Act To Add Vehicles Hauling Animal Bedding to Those Exempt from Posted Road Restrictions

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox. Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, DUNPHY of Old Town, GILLWAY of Searsport, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MAREAN of Hollis, SKOLFIELD of Weld, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, Senator: DILL 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,** Maine is an agricultural state with a long tradition of supporting its 4 farmers and livestock producers; and
- 5 **Whereas,** often the State, counties and municipalities cannot timely process or issue 6 permits to traverse posted roads; and
- 7 Whereas, agricultural interests and the needs of animals can be immediate, and 8 delays in obtaining permits to traverse posted roads can result in harm to or loss of 9 livestock; 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. 29-A MRSA §2395, sub-§9 is enacted to read:
- 16 **9. Exemption.** A vehicle hauling animal bedding is exempt from this section.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 19 SUMMARY
- 20 This bill exempts vehicles hauling animal bedding from posted road restrictions 21 imposed by the Department of Transportation, counties or municipalities.