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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

An Act To Increase Vegetative Buffers in the Shoreland Zone

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BLUME of York.
Cosponsored by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Skowhegan, FOLEY of Wells, HYMANSON of York, PARKER
of South Berwick, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

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 To protect waterbodies from nonpoint source pollution, this bill proposes to amend
6 the laws governing shoreland zoning to increase the vegetative buffer requirement from
7 75 feet to 150 feet for certain areas in the shoreland zone. The bill also proposes to
8 remove provisions in law that grandfather certain parcels of land and that allow smaller
9 vegetative buffers on those parcels.