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An Act To Prohibit Marijuana on the Campuses of Maine's Public Postsecondary Institutions

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston. Cosponsored by Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, TUELL of East Machias.

- 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,** this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day 4 period due to the passage of an initiated bill legalizing the recreational use of marijuana 5 that took effect January 30, 2017; and
- 6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 9 therefore,
- 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 11 Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2452, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Possession and consumption on campus prohibited. A person may not possess
 or consume marijuana on a campus of the University of Maine System or the Maine
 Community College System or on the campus of the Maine Maritime Academy. A
 person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more
 than \$100 may be adjudged.

- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 19SUMMARY
- This bill prohibits the possession and consumption of marijuana on a campus of the University of Maine System or the Maine Community College System or on the campus of the Maine Maritime Academy.