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House of Representatives, April 4, 2017

An Act To Create the Small Communities Tourism Fund

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, FECTION of Biddeford, HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft,
MASON of Lisbon, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, STETKIS of Canaan, Senators: JACKSON of
Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-N** is enacted to read:

3 **§13090-N. Small Communities Tourism Fund**

4 **1. Fund established.** The Small Communities Tourism Fund, referred to in this
5 section as "the fund," is established in the Office of Tourism to issue grants to small
6 communities to promote tourism and events. The fund consists of money received as
7 appropriations, allocations and contributions from private and public sources. The fund,
8 to be accounted within the Office of Tourism, must be held separate and apart from all
9 other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of
10 the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in
11 the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next
12 fiscal year.

13 **2. Rules.** The Office of Tourism may adopt routine technical rules as defined in
14 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the fund.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes the Small Communities Tourism Fund in the Department of
17 Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism to issue grants to small
18 communities to promote tourism and events.