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An Act To Make Amendments to the Laws Governing Marijuana To Increase Consistency and Safety

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 1 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and Whereas, in order to ensure consistency and safety, this legislation must take effect 3 immediately; and 4 5 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 6 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore, 9 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 10 Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read: 11 12 B. Use, possess or transport at any one time up to 2.1/2 ounces of marijuana or 2.1/2ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no 13 14 more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate; 15 Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read: 16 C. Transfer or furnish, without remuneration, to a person 21 years of age or older up 17 to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of marijuana and 18 marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate; 19 Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, 20 §6, is amended to read: 21 22 F. Subject to the limitations imposed under paragraph B, purchase up to 2 1/2 ounces 23 of adult use marijuana or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of adult use marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate 24 from a marijuana store; and 25 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 26 27 legislation takes effect when approved. **SUMMARY** 28 29 The purpose of this bill is to align the marijuana possession and transfer limitations between the laws governing adult use marijuana and the laws governing marijuana for 30 31 medical use. This bill removes language in the adult use marijuana laws that authorizes the use, possession, transport, transfer, furnishing or purchase of 2 1/2 ounces of a 32 combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams 33 34 of marijuana concentrate and instead limits the permissible amount to 2 1/2 ounces of

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marijuana.