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An Act Regarding Nuisance Beavers

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox. Cosponsored by Senator MOORE of Washington and Representatives: DOLLOFF of Milton Township, KRYZAK of Acton, MASON of Lisbon, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STEARNS of Guilford, 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 must take effect in time for the 2021 growing season; and 4 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 5 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 6 therefore, 7 8 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 9 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12404, sub-§2, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended 10 by c. 655, Pt. B, §242 and affected by §422, is repealed. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation 11 takes effect when approved. 12 13 **SUMMARY** 14 Current law makes it a Class E crime to take or kill a nuisance beaver. This bill repeals 15 that law.