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An Act To Allow the Governor To Declare a Limited State of Emergency for Federal Aid Purposes

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Representative FECTEAU of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Federal aid emergency proclamation.** The Governor, by oral proclamation, may
4 declare a state of emergency for the sole purpose of requesting the President of the United
5 States to declare a major disaster or emergency in the State or any part of the State in order
6 to make available federal aid for the State. The Governor may not, pursuant to a declaration
7 under this subsection, invoke or exercise any of the powers conferred pursuant to
8 subsection 1.

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SUMMARY

10 This bill allows the Governor to declare a state of emergency for the sole purpose of
11 requesting the President of the United States to declare a major disaster for part or all of
12 Maine in order to make available federal aid. If the Governor declares this type of state of
13 emergency, the Governor is prohibited, pursuant to that declaration, from using the same
14 powers granted to the Governor under a state of emergency declared because of a disaster
15 or civil emergency pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 742,
16 subsection 1.