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House of Representatives, January 16, 2015

An Act To Allow the Town of Berwick To Be Eligible for Full Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative O'CONNOR of Berwick. Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, Speaker EVES of North Berwick, GERRISH of Lebanon, HARLOW of Portland, LONG of Sherman, SIROCKI of Scarborough, TIMBERLAKE of Turner, TURNER of Burlington.

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

- Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3-A, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL 2009, c.
 652, Pt. D, §1 and affected by §2, are amended to read:
- D. Property within a military redevelopment zone as long as the property is classified by the department no later than December 31, 2018; and
- 6 E. Washington County and the Downeast region, including 2 pilot projects to be 7 established by the commissioner:
- 8 (1) A pilot project for the property of the former Cutler naval computer and 9 telecommunications station, which may be excluded from the qualified business 10 definitions established under section 5250-I, subsections 16 and 17 if a for-profit 11 business is engaged in, or will engage in, tourism development including 12 recreational tourism, experiential tourism, hotel development and resort facility 13 development; and
- 14 (2) A pilot project that allows seasonal employees in seasonal industries based
 15 on natural resources to be considered qualified Pine Tree Development Zone
 16 employees for the purposes of section 5250-I, subsection 18-; and
- 17 Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§3-A, ¶F is enacted to read:
- 18 <u>F. Beginning January 1, 2016, the Town of Berwick in York County.</u>

19 SUMMARY

- 20This bill allows the Town of Berwick in York County to be designated as a Pine Tree21Development Zone tier 1 location in order to allow the town to be eligible for Pine Tree
- 22 Development Zone benefits.