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**An Act To Grandfather Certain Existing Buildings and Structures
with Respect to Fire Safety Codes and Standards**

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Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2452, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 632, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The Commissioner of Public Safety shall adopt and may amend rules governing the
5 safety to life from fire in or around all buildings or other structures and mass outdoor
6 gatherings, as defined in Title 22, section 1601, subsection 2, within the commissioner's
7 jurisdiction. These rules do not apply to nursing homes having 3 or fewer patients.
8 Automatic sprinkler systems may not be required in existing noncommercial places of
9 assembly. Noncommercial places of assembly include those facilities used for such
10 purposes as deliberation, worship, entertainment, amusement or awaiting transportation
11 that have a capacity of 100 to 300 persons. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are
12 routine technical rules, except that rules pertaining to fire sprinklers are major substantive
13 rules, both of which are defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Buildings and
14 other structures built before January 1, 2008 are subject to the rules in effect as of January
15 1, 2007.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill amends the laws regarding fire safety to apply rules pertaining to fire safety
18 codes and standards in effect as of January 1, 2007 to buildings and other structures built
19 prior to January 1, 2008.