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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.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.

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,** in order to ensure consistency and safety, this legislation must take effect
4 immediately; and

5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
7 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,
11 §6, is amended to read:

12 B. Use, possess or transport at any one time up to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana ~~or 2 1/2~~
13 ~~ounces of a combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no~~
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,
16 §6, is amended to read:

17 C. Transfer or furnish, without remuneration, to a person 21 years of age or older up
18 to 2 1/2 ounces of marijuana ~~or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of marijuana and~~
19 ~~marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate;~~

20 **Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶F,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A,
21 §6, is amended to read:

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~~
24 ~~marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams of marijuana concentrate~~
25 ~~from a marijuana store; and~~

26 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
27 legislation takes effect when approved.

28 SUMMARY

29 The purpose of this bill is to align the marijuana possession and transfer limitations
30 between the laws governing adult use marijuana and the laws governing marijuana for
31 medical use. This bill removes language in the adult use marijuana laws that authorizes
32 the use, possession, transport, transfer, furnishing or purchase of 2 1/2 ounces of a
33 combination of marijuana and marijuana concentrate that includes no more than 5 grams
34 of marijuana concentrate and instead limits the permissible amount to 2 1/2 ounces of
35 marijuana.