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House of Representatives, January 4, 2011

An Act Designating March 29th Vietnam Veterans Day

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico. Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, DION of Portland, FITTS of Pittsfield, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senators: JACKSON of Aroostook, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SAVIELLO of Franklin.

- 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,** it is important that this legislation take effect prior to March 29th, which 4 is designated as Vietnam Veterans Day by this legislation; 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. 1 MRSA §150-F is enacted to read:

11 §150-F. Vietnam Veterans Day

12 In recognition of the service and sacrifice of those veterans of the United States 13 Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam War, the State designates March 29th of 14 each year as Vietnam Veterans Day. The Governor shall annually issue a proclamation 15 urging the people of the State to observe the day with appropriate celebration and 16 activity.

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

19 SUMMARY

20 This bill designates March 29th of each year as Vietnam Veterans Day, in 21 commemoration of the date in 1973 when the last United States troops were withdrawn 22 from the war zone.