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House of Representatives, March 2, 2017

An Act To Promote Fairness for Rural Maine Residents by Regulating Fuel Prices

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative McCREA of Fort Fairfield.

Cosponsored by Senator MAKER of Washington and

Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, BROOKS of Lewiston, FULLER of Lewiston, MARTIN of Sinclair, STEWART of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 CONCEPT DRAFT

3 SUMMARY

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to prevent large fluctuations based on geographical location in the retail price of gasoline and other motor fuel sold at service stations throughout the State. The bill proposes to prohibit a service station from charging more than a set amount for a gallon of motor fuel. The retail price per gallon would be determined weekly and would be based on the average cost of a gallon of that motor fuel for the State, as determined by the Governor's Energy Office, plus an allowance for transportation and staffing based on the geographical area in which the service station is located.