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House of Representatives, February 4, 2025

An Act to Amend the Definition of "Transient Occupancy" in the Laws Governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GUERRETTE of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, BABIN of Fort Fairfield,
COOPER of Windham, DAIGLE of Fort Kent, DRINKWATER of Milford, FREDERICKS of
Sanford, HENDERSON of Rumford, THORNE of Carmel.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, the Legislature finds that it is desirable to extend principles of sound planning, zoning and development to the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State; and
6 7 8	Whereas, the Legislature desires to encourage appropriate use of these lands by the residents of Maine and visitors in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, camping; and
9 10 11	Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period since recreational camping season begins Memorial Day weekend in the month of May; and
12 13 14 15	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
16	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
17 18	Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §682, sub-§18, as amended by PL 2009, c. 16, §1, is further amended to read:
19 20	18. Transient occupancy. "Transient occupancy" means occupancy that does not exceed 120 150 days in a calendar year.
21 22	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
23	SUMMARY
24 25 26	This bill changes the definition of "transient occupancy" in the laws governing the Maine Land Use Planning Commission to mean occupancy that does not exceed 150 days, rather than 120 days as in current law, in a calendar year.