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## **An Act To Ensure That Pine Tree Development Zone Benefits Are Not Extended to Businesses That Compete with Existing Maine Businesses**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-O**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. D, §2, is amended to read:

### **§ 5250-O. Certification of qualified business**

A business may apply to the commissioner for certification as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business. Upon review and determination by the commissioner that a business is a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business, the commissioner shall issue a certificate of qualification to the business that includes a description of the qualified business activity for which the certificate is being issued. Prior to issuing a certificate of qualification, the commissioner must find that the business activity will not result in a substantial detriment to existing businesses in the State. In order to make this determination, the commissioner shall consider those factors the commissioner determines necessary to measure and evaluate the effect of the proposed business activity on existing businesses, including whether any adverse economic effect of the proposed business activity on existing businesses is outweighed by the contribution to the economic well-being of the State. The State Economist must review applications under this section and provide an advisory opinion to assist the commissioner in making findings under this section.

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