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## **An Act To Clarify Land Use Regulation in Unorganized and Deorganized Townships**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §681, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 569, §1, is further amended to read:

~~In addition, the~~The Legislature declares it to be in the public interest, for the public benefit and for the ~~good order of the people of this~~benefit of the property owners and residents of the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State; to encourage the ~~well-planned~~well-planned and ~~well-managed~~well-managed multiple use of land and resources ~~and~~. The Legislature acknowledges the importance of these areas to the continued vitality of the State and to local economies by supporting and promoting forest management and agricultural activities. Finally, the Legislature desires to encourage the appropriate use of these lands by the residents of Maine and visitors; in pursuit of outdoor recreation activities, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, boating, hiking and camping.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies the purpose of land use regulation in the unorganized and deorganized townships of the State by confirming that such regulation is for the benefit of property owners and residents of these areas as well as for the public benefit. The bill also provides that the Legislature acknowledges that these areas are important to the continued vitality of the State and to local economies by promoting forest management and agricultural activities.