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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1178, L.D. 1589, “An Act To Ensure Equity in the Cannabis Industry”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Ensure Equity in the Membership of the Marijuana Advisory Commission'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §902, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

- 1. Membership.** The commission consists of the following ~~15~~ 21 members:
 - A. Two members of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - B. Two members of the House of Representatives, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
 - C. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee;
 - D. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's designee;
 - E. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
 - F. The Commissioner of ~~Labor~~ Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee;
 - G. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
 - H. The following ~~3~~ 6 members, appointed by the President of the Senate:
 - (1) A representative of a statewide association representing prosecutors;

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- 1 (2) A representative of a statewide association representing the medical marijuana
- 2 industry; ~~and~~
- 3 (3) A member of the public; ~~and~~
- 4 (4) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise in the cultivation of
- 5 marijuana or the manufacturing of marijuana concentrate and marijuana products;
- 6 (5) A representative of a statewide association representing defense attorneys; and
- 7 (6) A representative of a statewide civil rights organization with a primary mission
- 8 to advance racial equity and racial justice; and

9 I. The following ~~3~~ 6 members, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives:

- 11 (1) A representative of a statewide association representing the adult use marijuana
- 12 industry;
- 13 (2) A member of the public with demonstrated expertise and credentials in public
- 14 health policy; ~~and~~
- 15 (3) A member of the public; ~~and~~
- 16 (4) A qualifying patient;
- 17 (5) A member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in the State; and
- 18 (6) A representative of the state chapter of a national civil liberties organization.

19 For all appointments under paragraphs A, B, H and I, an effort must be made in making the
20 appointments to represent the racial and gender diversity of the State.

21 **Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §902, sub-§5,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is
22 amended to read:

23 **5. Quorum.** A quorum of the commission consists of ~~8~~ 11 members.'

24 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
25 number to read consecutively.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This amendment replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It changes the membership
28 of the Marijuana Advisory Commission established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
29 28-B, section 901 by removing the Commissioner of Labor, adding the Commissioner of
30 Economic and Community Development and adding 6 members representing certain
31 interests, to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House,
32 increasing the number of members from 15 to 21.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

34 **(See attached)**