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An Act To Exempt Small Bottlers from the Bottling Plant Requirements

(EMERGENCY)

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

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin. Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAVIS of Piscataquis.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period 4 in order to provide timely support to a number of small bottling businesses in the State 5 that are in the early stages of development; and
- 6 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 9 therefore,

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

11 Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1852 is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

12 <u>This section does not apply to beverage plants preparing, manufacturing or bottling</u> 13 <u>up to 10,000 gallons of beverages per year.</u>

- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
- 16 SUMMARY
- This bill exempts beverage plants bottling up to 10,000 gallons of beverages per yearfrom the law governing beverage plants.