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H.P. 441

House of Representatives, February 16, 2017

**An Act To Prohibit the Location of a Marijuana Facility within
2,000 Feet of a House of Public Worship or Property Associated
with a House of Public Worship**

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Marijuana Legalization Implementation
suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HANDY of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Representatives: FULLER of Lewiston, TUELL of East Machias, Senator:
MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §2449, sub-§1**, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 5, §1, is amended to
3 read:

4 **1. Municipality may regulate retail marijuana establishments and retail**
5 **marijuana social clubs.** A municipality may regulate the location and operation of retail
6 marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter
7 187, subchapter 3. A retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club may
8 not be located within 2,000 feet of a house of public worship or property associated with
9 a house of public worship. A municipality may adopt and enforce regulations for retail
10 marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs that are at least as restrictive as
11 the provisions of this chapter and any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter. Nothing in
12 this chapter prohibits the registered voters of a municipality from calling for a vote on
13 any regulations adopted by a municipal legislative body.

14 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This Act takes effect February 1, 2018.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits a retail marijuana establishment or retail marijuana social club
17 from being located within 2,000 feet of a house of public worship or property associated
18 with a house of public worship.