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House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

Resolve, To Establish a Working Group To Study Issues Relating to Liability of Apiary Owners and Operators

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BLACK of Wilton.
Cosponsored by Senator PATRICK of Oxford and
Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, DILL of Old Town, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JONES of
Freedom, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, NOON of Sanford, PETERSON of Rumford,
TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

- 1 Sec. 1. Working group to study issues relating to liability of apiary 2 owners and operators. **Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall 3 4 convene a working group to review the liability issues relating to apiary owners and operators; and be it further 5 6 **Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved:** That the commissioner shall invite the following 7 to participate in the working group: 8 1. A beekeeper employed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and 9 Forestry; 10 2. A person who represents hobby beekeepers; 11 3. A person who represents commercial beekeepers; 12 4. A person who represents commercial growers who use bees for pollination; 13 5. A member of the Maine State Beekeepers Association; and 14 6. A lawyer who is familiar with the liability issues related to the operation of an apiary; and be it further 15 **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the duties of the working group are to review the 16 liability issues relating to apiary owners and operators; and be it further 17 18 Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2014, the commissioner shall 19 submit a written report of the findings of the working group under this resolve and any 20 recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, 21 22 Conservation and Forestry may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th 23 Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report. 24 **SUMMARY** 25 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to establish a working group to review the liability issues relating to apiary owners and 26
 - Forestry no later than February 1, 2014. The resolve gives the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry authority to submit a bill to the Second Pagular Session of the 126th. Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report

operators. The resolve directs the commissioner to submit a written report of findings

and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and

Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

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