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## 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 12, 2015

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.

Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and

Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLACK of Wilton, LONG of Sherman, MALABY of Hancock, PETERSON of Rumford, POULIOT of Augusta, REED of Carmel, TIMBERLAKE of Turner.

**Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

- **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 9 members appointed as follows:
- 1. Two members of the Senate with expertise in the subject matter of the study appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2. Three members of the House of Representatives with expertise in the subject matter of the study appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3. One member of the Maine Statewide Independent Living Council appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 4. One member who has knowledge and expertise in the federal Americans with Disabilities Act appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 5. One representative of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall consider any recommendations submitted within 20 days of the effective date of this section by the Secretary of State regarding persons who have expertise in the subject matter of the study; and
- 6. One representative of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall consider any recommendations submitted within 20 days of the effective date of this section by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management regarding persons who have expertise in the subject matter of the study; and be it further
- **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further
- **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further
- **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study parking issues that exist for persons with physical disabilities in this State and make recommendations for changes to current law to improve accessibility and convenience. The commission shall, at a minimum, review the laws and rules in other states that may work successfully in this State concerning on-street and off-street parking for persons with physical disabilities.

The commission shall also consult with businesses and experts in traffic management and parking design; and be it further
<b>Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:</b> That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further
Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 2, 2015, the commission
shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.
SUMMARY
This resolve establishes the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical
Disabilities.