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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11: Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription of Opioid Medications, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative HYMANSON of York for the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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- 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,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires 4 legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by 5 the agency; and
- 6 **Whereas,** the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the 7 Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and
- 8 **Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the 9 Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and
- 10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 13 therefore, be it
- 14 Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 11: 15 Rules Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and 16 Prescription of Opioid Medications, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the 17 Department of Health and Human Services that has been submitted to the Legislature for 18 review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A 19 outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized.
- 20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 21 legislation takes effect when approved.
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SUMMARY

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 11: Rules
Governing the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program and Prescription
of Opioid Medications, a major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human
Services that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.