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**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305:
Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and
Portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, Major
Substantive Rules of the Department of Environmental Protection**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative DOUDERA of Camden for the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land Resources, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072.

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

R. B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, major substantive rules have been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rules; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, provisionally adopted major substantive rules of the Department of Environmental Protection that have been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule Standards and portions of Chapter 335: Significant Wildlife Habitat, major substantive rules of the Department of Environmental Protection.