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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1997

RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE AS PASSED AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE 1997

CHAPTER 12

S.P. 265 - L.D. 873

Resolve, to Appoint a Study Group to Determine How to Consolidate and Preserve the Health Sciences Library in Maine

Sec. 1. Study group established. Resolved: That the State Librarian shall appoint a study group to determine how best to consolidate and preserve the health sciences library resources of State Government. The study group shall consist of representatives of the Department of Human Services; the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services; the Maine Library Association; the Health Science Libraries Information Consortium; the Jose Castellanos Medical Library at the Augusta Mental Health Institute and other persons the State Librarian considers appropriate; and be it further

Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the study group shall determine what health sciences resources exist in State Government. The study group shall develop a plan to preserve those resources so that they will be available to state and local government agencies. The study group shall submit a report of its findings, including any accompanying legislation, to the Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by December 1, 1997; and be it further

Sec. 3. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the study group shall serve without compensation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 13

H.P. 874 - L.D. 1191

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 850, Health Plan Accountability, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance

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 Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A, requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above named major substantive rule has 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 rule; 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 Chapter 850, Health Plan Accountability, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized.

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

Effective April 14, 1997.

CHAPTER 14

H.P. 873 - L.D. 1190

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 840: Private Purchasing Alliances, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective