

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2007**

**Sec. 2. Authorization to submit legislation. Resolved:** That the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill related to the subject matter of the working group's report under section 1 to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 25**

**H.P. 876 - L.D. 1234**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission To Develop a Program That Supports the Recycling of Fluorescent Lamps**

**Sec. 1. Recycling and education program development. Resolved:** That, recognizing that fluorescent lamps contain mercury, and that they are classified as universal waste and therefore require special handling as they are recycled, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission shall develop a program to support and expand the recycling of fluorescent lamps in the State, with a focus on household recycling. The program must be consistent with current state and federal rules. The program must also provide for the education of consumers about the mercury in the lamps, the need to recycle fluorescent lamps and funding options for recycling the lamps. The costs of undertaking the education effort must be addressed in the development of the program; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection and the Public Utilities Commission shall, no later than January 1, 2008, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources the details of the recycling and education program developed under section 1 and any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for further action to address the need to recycle fluorescent lamps, with a focus on household recycling. The committee has the authority to submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 26  
H.P. 537 - L.D. 716**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 324: ConnectME Tax Reimbursements, a Major Substantive Rule of Maine Revenue Services**

**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,** 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 324: ConnectME Tax Reimbursements, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of Maine Revenue Services that has 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.

Effective May 16, 2007.

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