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# **LAWS**

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# STATE OF MAINE

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relevant, the speed of service to be offered by the project and the applicant's financial commitment to the project; and that the score for project value is based on relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the estimated price per customer to receive service from the proposed project and any other details of the project that may benefit customers in the area proposed to be served by the proposed project.

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

Effective May 16, 2007.

### CHAPTER 28 H.P. 1235 - L.D. 1769

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 11.15: Scallop Conservation Areas, Beals-Jonesport, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Marine Resources

**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 portions of Chapter 11.15: Scallop Conservation Areas, Beals-Jonesport, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Marine Resources 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 18, 2007.

### CHAPTER 29 H.P. 1170 - L.D. 1661

#### Resolve, To Support Community Planning for the Aging of the Population

Sec. 1. Preparing for the aging of the population. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall create a stakeholders' group to review and encourage planning activities by Maine communities and promote planning that includes components addressing the elder population. The group must include a representative of the Office of Elder Services' Area Agencies on Aging; the University of Maine Center on Aging; the Maine Municipal Association; the Executive Department, State Planning Office; and the Public Health Work Group and may include other interested parties; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Group report. Resolved:** That the stakeholders' group convened pursuant to section 1 shall submit a report on its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 30 H.P. 993 - L.D. 1410

#### Resolve, To Name the Gray Connector

**Sec. 1. Maine Wildlife Park Way. Resolved:** That Route 26A in Gray be named the Maine Wildlife Park Way.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 31 H.P. 150 - L.D. 168

Resolve, To End Fraud in Maine's Welfare Benefit Programs

**Sec. 1. Verification of eligibility. Resolved:** That by October 1, 2007 the Department of Health and Human Services shall take action to decrease the inci-