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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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

Augusta, Maine
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tions. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture matters no later than January 15, 2011 with recommendations regarding fees for licenses to sell nursery stock and the advisability of establishing a dedicated account to receive license fees.

If the commissioner's recommendations include revisions to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources's existing fees, the commissioner shall:

1. Provisionally adopt amendments to Chapter 267 of the department's rules to implement the recommendations and submit the provisionally adopted rule to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature for review as a major substantive rule in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072; or
2. Submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to establish in statute fees for licenses to sell nursery stock.

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

Effective March 9, 2010.

CHAPTER 160

H.P. 1248 - L.D. 1754

Resolve, Naming the Bridge over Pattagumpus Stream the Nicatou Bridge

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

Whereas, this resolve has the time-sensitive goal of naming a bridge in the Town of Medway the Nicatou Bridge to coincide with the centennial celebration of the town; 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. Bridge named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate the new bridge over Pattagumpus Stream in the Town of Medway the Nicatou Bridge.

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

Effective March 16, 2010.

CHAPTER 161

S.P. 455 - L.D. 1222

Resolve, To Promote Geothermal Energy

Sec. 1. Policies to promote the use of geothermal energy. Resolved: That the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall examine policy options and develop recommendations to promote and provide incentives for the installation of residential geothermal heating and cooling systems, particularly in multifamily residences. The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall, at a minimum, consult with the Maine State Housing Authority and the Efficiency Maine Trust in its examination under this section; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2011, the Executive Department, Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under section 1, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. After its review of the report, the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature relating to the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 162

H.P. 1054 - L.D. 1505

Resolve, To Ensure Consistency in the Scheduled Expiration of Terms of the Board Members of the Finance Authority of Maine

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

Whereas, except for so-called "state members," the 4-year terms of membership of the board of directors of the Finance Authority of Maine were initially staggered so as to avoid simultaneous turnover; and