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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to evaluate potential solutions regarding regulation and enforcement of regulation of the towing industry.

**Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved:** That the working group membership is as follows:

1. One member representing the light vehicle towing industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
2. One member representing the heavy vehicle towing and recovery industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
3. One member representing the trucking industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
4. One member representing credit unions, appointed by the Secretary of State;
5. One member representing large financial institutions, appointed by the Secretary of State;
6. One member representing the insurance industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
7. One member representing the legal interests of people earning low income in the State, appointed by the Secretary of State;
8. One member representing a State Police traffic division, appointed by the Chief of the State Police;
9. One member representing the consumer protection division of the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General;
10. The deputy secretary of state having oversight over the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the deputy secretary's designee; and
11. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee.

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group shall:

1. Identify and examine potential methods for regulating the towing industry to protect drivers from deceptive, predatory or irresponsible practices;
2. Identify and examine how identified regulations under subsection 1 could be most efficiently and comprehensively enforced;
3. Consider how any identified regulations under subsection 1 would impact the agencies, industries and citizen groups represented on the working group and any potential further impacts to agencies, industries and citizen groups not represented;

4. Examine the issue regarding disposition of the vehicle when the owner is involuntarily hospitalized, paying particular attention to the length of holding before a vehicle is considered "abandoned" as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1852 and the total storage charges;

5. Examine the laws governing notification to vehicle owners and lienholders, if any, when a vehicle is towed or left without permission on a residential or business property, including, but not limited to, the time required for notification and storage fees; and

6. Make recommendations based on the findings of the working group.

**Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than February 3, 2026, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The joint standing committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 78

### H.P. 912 - L.D. 1390

#### Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Develop Recommendations for a Multiyear Registration System for National Car Rental Companies

**Preamble.** Whereas, a multiyear registration system simplifies the registration, renewal and management process for entities that own and rent large numbers of motor vehicles; and

**Whereas,** the Secretary of State previously developed and implemented a successful long-term registration program for trailers and semitrailers nationwide pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 512 that has generated significant income for the State; and

**Whereas,** other states have implemented a multi-year registration system for motor vehicles that has simplified the registration and management of motor vehicle rentals for national car rental companies in those states and in turn has generated funds in registration fees and excise taxes; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Recommendations for multiyear registration system. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, with input from the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, shall consider and develop recommendations on how to implement a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies in the State.

**Sec. 2. Submission of report. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall submit a report detailing how a multiyear registration and inspection program for national car rental companies may be implemented in the State pursuant to section 1 along with legislation necessary to accomplish the objectives outlined in the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by December 3, 2025. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 79

H.P. 929 - L.D. 1407

### Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Report the Findings of the Indoor Air Quality Advisory Group

**Sec. 1. Indoor air quality advisory group report. Resolved:** That, on or before December 3, 2025, the Department of Labor shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor a report containing the findings of the indoor air quality advisory group, which was convened in 2024 by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to advise the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health on indoor air quality matters that are beyond the standards set by the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 80

S.P. 390 - L.D. 901

### Resolve, Directing the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority to Take Appropriate Actions to Identify Opportunities for the Beneficial Reuse of the Buildings and Land Commonly Known as the Bangor Mall

**Sec. 1. Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority. Resolved:** That the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 7-G and referred to in this resolve as "the authority," shall work with the City of Bangor to identify opportunities for the beneficial reuse of the property located in the City of Bangor commonly known as the Bangor Mall and the surrounding infrastructure, collectively referred to in this resolve as "the Bangor Mall." The authority shall develop a comprehensive plan that supports the City of Bangor with the potential redevelopment of the Bangor Mall. The comprehensive plan must include a mix of uses that promotes the economic revitalization of the Bangor Mall as a vital hub in the City of Bangor and surrounding regions and creates affordable housing for the city and surrounding regions.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the authority shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by January 15, 2026 with the details of the comprehensive plan, including the cost to implement the plan and possible funding sources. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 81

H.P. 1322 - L.D. 1979

### Resolve, Directing the Department of Corrections to Convene a Working Group to Examine the Establishment of a Program to Award Earned Time Credit for Educational Achievement to Persons Who Are Incarcerated

**Sec. 1. Department of Corrections to convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Corrections, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to examine the