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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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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

establishment of a program to award earned time credit for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated. The working group must include relevant stakeholders and interested parties.

Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the working group shall:

1. Analyze programs to award earned time credit for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated implemented in states the department identifies as having correctional systems and programming opportunities similar to this State;
2. Examine data on the amount of time typically deducted from the sentence of a person who is incarcerated under the programs analyzed under subsection 1;
3. Collect any available data on rates of return to custody, recidivism or program impact or successes in other states;
4. Gather information comparing types of sentence deductions other than the award of earned time credit made available in the states analyzed under subsection 1;
5. Perform any other relevant analysis or collect any other relevant data; and
6. Recommend steps for the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to advance the development of a program to award earned time credits for educational achievement to persons who are incarcerated in this State.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 3, 2025, the department shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the working group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 82

S.P. 538 - L.D. 1308

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Examine Issues Related to Public Access to Privately Owned Lands

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

90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, a majority of land in the State is privately owned; and

Whereas, the ability of residents to access these lands is in jeopardy as more and more landowners are closing off access to their land; and

Whereas, urgent action is needed to ensure this trend is reversed; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to convene a working group to explore opportunities to increase access and address these issues; 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. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, jointly referred to in this resolve as "the departments," shall convene a working group to examine issues related to public access to privately owned land in the State and opportunities to expand this access.

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That the working group established under section 1 must be as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible, must be geographically representative of the different regions of the State and consists of at least the following 12 members:

1. A representative of a statewide organization representing commercial forest landowners;
2. A representative of a statewide organization representing small woodland owners;
3. A representative of an organization managing recreational access to the North Maine Woods;
4. A representative of a conservation organization that manages land or conservation easements;
5. A representative of an agricultural organization;
6. A representative of a statewide organization representing Maine guides;
7. A representative of the tourism and outdoor recreation industry focused on hiking, wildlife watching, biking, paddling or other popular outdoor pursuits;
8. A representative of a statewide association representing hunters and anglers;
9. A representative of a statewide association representing recreational vehicle users;