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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 4. Consultation. Resolved: That the working group established pursuant to section 1 shall consult and engage persons with knowledge of and experience with the State's subdivision laws, including, but not limited to:

1. Land surveyors;
2. Civil engineers;
3. Code enforcement officers;
4. Municipal government officials who are responsible for interpreting subdivision law and represent different geographic areas of the State and municipalities of varying population sizes;
5. Regional planning agencies;
6. Real estate developers;
7. Commercial and residential builders;
8. The Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5154;
9. Community land trusts engaged in affordable housing development;
10. Organizations engaged in environmental preservation and conservation; and
11. Attorneys admitted to the Maine Bar with experience in subdivision law.

Sec. 5. Work plan; public comment; submission to committees. Resolved: That the working group established pursuant to section 1 shall develop a work plan for completing the tasks required by this resolve. The working group shall solicit public comments on a draft work plan after posting the draft work plan on the publicly accessible websites of the Maine Office of Community Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Environmental Protection. By November 4, 2026, the working group shall prepare a final work plan and shall submit it to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. By January 1, 2027, the working group shall submit the final work plan to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.

Sec. 6. Report. Resolved: That, by February 15, 2027, the Maine Office of Community Affairs, on behalf of the working group established pursuant to section 1, shall submit a report that includes the working group's findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over subdivision law matters under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapter 206-A; Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 4; and Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6. The joint standing committees that receive the report may report

out legislation related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 138

H.P. 1456 - L.D. 2167

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 100: Enforcement Procedures, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

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, a 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 100: Enforcement Procedures, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization 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 March 19, 2026.
