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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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Augusta, Maine
2026

CHAPTER 141
H.P. 1319 - L.D. 1975

**Resolve, Directing the Maine
Connectivity Authority to
Develop Recommendations to
Transition Functions
Performed by the
ConnectMaine Authority to the
Maine Connectivity Authority**

Sec. 1. Maine Connectivity Authority; statutory review; report. Resolved: That the Maine Connectivity Authority established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9404, in consultation with the ConnectMaine Authority established under Title 35-A, section 9203, shall review the provisions of Title 35-A, chapter 93 and develop recommendations for any legislative changes necessary to transition functions performed by the ConnectMaine Authority to the Maine Connectivity Authority by October 1, 2027. On or before January 15, 2027, the Maine Connectivity Authority shall submit a report containing the recommendations resulting from that review, including any proposed legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the Maine Connectivity Authority's recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 142
S.P. 885 - L.D. 2181

**Resolve, to Rename a Bridge in
Roxbury the Roxbury-Frye
Veterans Memorial Bridge**

Sec. 1. Bridge in Roxbury renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2300 on Frye Crossover Road in the Town of Roxbury, currently known as the Frye Bridge, the Roxbury-Frye Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 143
S.P. 887 - L.D. 2183

**Resolve, to Rename the Little
River Bridge in the Town of
Cornish the Cornish Veterans
Memorial Bridge**

Sec. 1. Bridge in Cornish renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall

designate Bridge 2465 on Maple Street in the Town of Cornish, currently known as the Little River Bridge, the Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 144
H.P. 1370 - L.D. 2040

**Resolve, to Study Food
Insecurity Measures in Maine**

Sec. 1. Assessment and evaluation of food insecurity measures in State. Resolved: That, in view of the fact that the United States Department of Agriculture terminated its annual Household Food Security report, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall study opportunities to assess and evaluate food insecurity measures in the State and the State's progress in its strategic plan to end hunger by 2030 under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 2, subsection 6. The commissioner shall seek input from the advisory committee established in Title 7, section 2, subsection 6, outside organizations and other state agencies as necessary in conducting the study. The commissioner may contract with external agencies to study feasible methods to measure and track food insecurity in the State over time, if sufficient funding has been provided for this purpose. This study may include reviewing existing measurements of disparities of food insecurity in target populations, including, but not limited to, those defined by age, geography, income, race and veteran status, as defined by federal and state policy. The study may include a gap analysis to identify missing or incomplete data sets. Results of the study must be published and made available on a publicly accessible website.

Sec. 2. Acceptance of funds for study. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may accept funds from any public or private source for the purposes of the study under section 1. Funds must be transferred into a separate, nonlapsing account, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, for the purposes of this resolve and may not be used for any other purpose.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2027, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters; health and human services matters; and education and cultural affairs. The report must include the following:

1. A summary of issues or challenges encountered in conducting the study under section 1;

2. Data and metrics measuring the outcomes and impacts of the study; and

3. Recommendations regarding further study or courses of action relative to the report findings.

Each joint standing committee receiving a report under this section may submit legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 145
H.P. 1388 - L.D. 2075

**Resolve, to Authorize the State
Tax Assessor to Convey the
Interest of the State in Certain
Real Estate in the Unorganized
Territory**

Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the unorganized territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, at least 90 days prior to listing property for sale, the State Tax Assessor shall send a written notice to the last known address of the former owner by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail of the sale process under Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

2. After 90 days, the State Tax Assessor shall list and sell the property with a real estate broker or agent licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 114 using the sale process described in Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

3. If, after 3 attempts, the State Tax Assessor is unable to contract with a real estate broker or agent for the sale of the property, or the broker or agent is unable to sell the property within 12 months after listing, the State Tax Assessor shall sell the property to the highest bidder for an amount not less than the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

4. Following the sale of any property under this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall pay the former owner any excess sale proceeds in accordance with the

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice of sale under subsection 3, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before August 1, 2027.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations and plan and lot references are identified in the 2023 unorganized territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

2023 MATURED TAX LIENS

Sinclair Township, Aroostook County

Map AR021, Plan 10, Lot 86	038982003 1198-7215
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Camp Spirit, LLC	7.30 acres with building
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TAX LIABILITY	
2023	\$2,219.16
2024	\$2,749.83
2025	\$2,070.23
2026 (estimated)	\$2,070.23
Estimated Total Taxes	\$9,109.45
Interest	\$565.18
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$25.00
Total	\$9,737.63

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for \$9,737.63. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$9,750.00.

T20 R11 & R12 WELS (Big Twenty Township),
Aroostook County

Map AR078, Plan 02, Lot 4	038010084 1201-1250
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Gaz Bar US, Inc.	3.79 acres
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TAX LIABILITY