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CHAPTER 171
S.P. 156 - L.D. 364

**Resolve, Directing the Maine
Office of Community Affairs to
Submit Legislation and Take
Other Actions to Effectuate the
Transition of Responsibility for
Regulating Manufactured
Housing Communities and the
Construction and Installation
of Manufactured Homes from
the Manufactured Housing
Board to the Maine Office of
Community Affairs**

Sec. 1. Legislation regarding transfer of rights and obligations of Manufactured Housing Board. Resolved: That the Maine Office of Community Affairs, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall develop legislation to transition the statutory responsibility for the oversight of manufactured housing manufacturers and manufactured housing communities currently held by the Manufactured Housing Board, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 9003, subsection 1, and administered by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and to update the law to place the State in a better position to increase the supply of manufactured housing and industrialized housing in the State and to balance and protect the rights and responsibilities of owners and residents of manufactured housing communities. With the assistance of the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis and the Office of the Revisor of Statutes, the office shall review Title 10, chapters 951 and 953 and other applicable statutes governing the oversight of manufactured housing communities and the construction and installation of manufactured housing to:

1. Effectuate the transition of responsibilities from the Manufactured Housing Board to the office;
2. Reduce conflicts and ambiguities in existing law; and
3. Correct any errors and inconsistencies in the law that result from this transition and update.

Sec. 2. Office to consult. Resolved: That, in developing legislation under section 1 to effectuate the transition of responsibility and update and clarify the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, chapters 951 and 953, the office shall consult with representatives of the following groups:

1. Residents of manufactured housing communities;
2. Owners or managers of manufactured housing communities;

3. Businesses that construct manufactured housing;
4. Persons that install manufactured housing;
5. Municipal officers responsible for inspections of manufactured housing communities and newly constructed and installed manufactured housing;
6. Current or former members of the Manufactured Housing Board;
7. Members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters;
8. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation; and
9. The Office of Policy Innovation and the Future.

Sec. 3. Public input. Resolved: That the office shall solicit public input on its work under this resolve. The office shall hold at least one meeting to solicit public input and shall post adequate notice of the meeting on its publicly accessible website.

Sec. 4. Transition of authority to act as state administrative agency. Resolved: That the office shall take all action necessary to be authorized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to act as the state administrative agency under 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3282, Subpart G and 42 United States Code, Sections 5401 to 5426.

Sec. 5. Legislation; report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2027, the office shall submit legislation developed pursuant to this resolve to the First Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature. The office shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters explaining the legislation submitted and shall include specific information on the authorization by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the office to act as the state administrative agency pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3282, Subpart G and 42 United States Code, Sections 5401 to 5426.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 172
S.P. 213 - L.D. 473

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry to
Enter into Rulemaking
Regarding Rule Chapter 30:
Quarantine (Potato)**

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 potato industry is a cornerstone of Maine's agricultural heritage, contributing over \$1,300,000,000 annually to the State's economy, supporting more than 6,500 local jobs and driving agricultural innovation; and

Whereas, an uncontrolled outbreak of dangerous plant disease or invasive insect pests would result in irreparable economic loss, jeopardize food security and undermine the stability of our rural communities, and it is necessary that this resolve take effect immediately to safeguard Maine's agricultural future; 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. Temporary moratorium. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may not allow the importation of seed potatoes from the State of Colorado until the department has finally adopted an amended version of rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato), a routine technical rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in accordance with section 2. This section does not apply to seed potatoes in the form of plantlets or nuclear seed produced under controlled laboratory conditions.

Sec. 2. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to amend rules. Resolved: That, on or before May 31, 2026, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall initiate rule-making consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to align rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato) with Title 7, chapter 409 and to update rule Chapter 30: Quarantine (Potato) based on the latest science-based data regarding well-known and emerging plant diseases and insect infestations.

Sec. 3. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to collaborate with potato industry. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall continue to collaborate with representatives of the potato industry to prevent, to the extent practicable, the introduction of harmful potato pests that may affect the health, yield and marketability of the State's potato crops.

Sec. 4. Report by Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Resolved: That, no later than February 2, 2027, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters on current standards for certification of seed potatoes in the State, including, but not limited to,

importation requirements, testing requirements and existing quarantines prohibiting or restricting the transportation of seed potatoes capable of carrying plant disease or insect infestation. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based on the subject matter of the report.

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

Effective April 21, 2026.

CHAPTER 173

S.P. 134 - L.D. 350

Resolve, Directing the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board to Consider Issues Related to All- terrain Vehicles in the State

Sec. 1. Study ATV issues. Resolved: That the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10157 and referred to in this resolve as "the advisory board," shall consider issues related to weights, sizes and classifications of all-terrain vehicles, referred to in this resolve as "ATVs," in the State. When considering issues related to ATVs, the advisory board shall consult with the following stakeholders:

1. An individual who registered an oversized ATV and had that registration rescinded by the State;
2. An ATV manufacturer;
3. An ATV dealer; and
4. Any other stakeholders as determined by the advisory board.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the advisory board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters with findings and recommendations no later than February 1, 2027. The report must include a summary of the meetings of the advisory board pertaining to the issues described in section 1 and a list of the additional stakeholders included in those meetings as described by section 1. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.
