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January 23, 2012

Honorable Douglas A. Thomas, Senate Chair
Honorable H. David Cotta, House Chair
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Thomas, Representative Cotta and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government:

Pursuant to Part K of Chapter 304 "An Act to Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform", the Secretary of State is required to convene a working group to examine opportunities for reducing the paperwork associated with the filing of forms with the office of the Secretary of State and report back its finding by February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

The Paperwork Reduction Working Group convened on January 13, 2012 to begin the review and will meet again on January 30, 2012. Attached for your information is a list of working group members.

I respectfully request that you extend the report back date to March 1, 2012 to allow the group sufficient time to complete its review of the various corporate forms and to provide meaningful recommendations for paperwork reduction.

Sincerely,

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December 31, 2011 and submitted to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature for consideration. If approved by the Legislature, those rules must be finally adopted by the department and in effect on July 1, 2012. Subsequent revisions to those rules are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. I-3. Annual report. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall ensure that the Advisory Committee to the Commissioner is convened each year as necessary to fulfill its annual reporting requirements under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1660-L.

PART J

Sec. J-1. 25 MRSA §2448-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 364, §2, is amended to read:

1. Projects. A municipality registered pursuant to this section may review projects of public buildings ~~that constitute a mercantile occupancy over 3,000 square feet, a hotel, a motel or a business occupancy of 2 or more stories~~ as described in section 2448.

Sec. J-2. 25 MRSA §2448-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 364, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. Application review process. Upon determination by the municipal reviewing authority that an application for a permit or permit amendment under this section is complete for processing, the municipal reviewing authority shall submit to the commissioner within 14 days of that determination a copy of the project application.

Sec. J-3. 25 MRSA §2448-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 364, §2, is repealed.

PART K

Sec. K-1. Paperwork reduction working group. The Secretary of State shall convene a working group consisting of representatives of state agencies, small businesses recommended by the Maine chapter of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, other private businesses and other interested parties to examine opportunities for reducing the paperwork associated with the filing of forms with the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall report the findings of the working group by February 1, 2012 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

PART L

Sec. L-1. 3 MRSA c. 36 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 36

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES