

Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

LD 6

Resolve, To Implement Recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee To Strengthen the Ethics Practices and Procedures for Executive Branch Employees

**Died On
Adjournment**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
	OTP-AM ONTP	H-52 H-87 KRUGER C

This resolve was reported out of committee in the prior session and then carried over on the Special Appropriations Table.

This resolve implements the recommendations of the Government Oversight Committee stemming from two reports of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability: "Public Utilities Commission" and "Healthy Maine Partnerships' FY13 Contracts and Funding." The resolve directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to take certain steps to strengthen the ethics standards and practices for executive branch employees by developing a consolidated code based in part on recommendations contained in a December 2009 report to the Legislature from the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices entitled "Report on Ethics Laws for Executive Branch Employees." This resolve also requires the department to implement procedures for employees to seek guidance on ethics and to report potential ethics violations. The committee is also authorized to recommend to the Legislative Council a similar code of ethics and conduct for use by the Legislature.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-52)

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It adds an appropriations and allocations section to the resolve.

House Amendment "A" To Committee Amendment "A" (H-87)

This amendment reduces from five to one the number of new positions authorized in the committee amendment and reduces the costs appropriated accordingly. This amendment also amends the reporting language to allow for the possibility that there may be implementation work going on beyond December 1, 2015.

LD 166

An Act To Allow Counties To Better Provide Rescue Services

**Died Between
Houses**

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
BEAVERS R DUTREMBLE D	OTP-AM	H-513

This bill was carried over from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

This bill allows York County Government to provide rescue services pursuant to the law governing counties' provision of ambulance services.

Committee Amendment "B" (H-513)

This amendment replaces the substance of the bill, which applies only to York County. It changes the title and removes language in current law that provides that a county may provide rescue services through the sheriff's department and instead provides that each county may provide rescue services to the entire county, omitting municipalities that ask to be excluded, or by municipal-county contracts to municipalities that enter into contracts as long as county tax revenues are not used to support the services. It also makes minor nonsubstantive technical