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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2277

S.P. 874 In Senate, February 16, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
suggested. In Senate, under suspension of the Rules, Read
Twice and Passed to be Engrossed, without reference to a
Committee, and Ordered Printed. Sent down forthwith for
concurrence. In House, February 16, 1988, under suspension of
the Rules, Read Twice and Passed to be Engrossed without
reference to a Committee in concurrence.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor,
Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk, Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 AN ACT to Extend the Reporting Deadlines of
2 Certain Commissions and Committees.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, current law requires the Joint Standing
8 Committee on Marine Resources to review and report to

1 the Legislature on the 2-inch clam law by March 1,
2 1988; and

3 Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources has
4 been accumulating data relating to the advisability of
5 the law which will not be available to the Joint
6 Standing Committee on Marine Resources until March
7 12th, but which is necessary for the committee to
8 assess accurately the success of the law; and

9 Whereas, Resolve 1987, chapter 52, created the
10 9-1-1 Study Commission which was required to submit a
11 report which would aid the Joint Standing Committee on
12 Utilities in drafting legislation to be submitted by
13 January 30, 1988; and

14 Whereas, the Joint Standing Committee on
15 Utilities, having received an initial report from the
16 9-1-1 Study Commission which did not include necessary
17 cost information only recently made available to the
18 commission, needs additional time to consider the
19 report and cost information before introducing
20 legislation relating to this important issue; and

21 Whereas, Resolve 1987, chapter 64, created the
22 Special Commission to Study School Entrance Age and
23 Preschool Services and mandated that the commission
24 report by March 1, 1988; and

25 Whereas, the Special Commission to Study School
26 Entrance Age and Preschool Services, having met 7
27 times in 1987 and 1988 and having held 3 public
28 hearings to receive public input as directed by its
29 authorizing legislation, needs additional time to
30 complete its study; and

31 Whereas, Public Law 1987, chapter 542, created a
32 Commission on the Feasibility of Constructing a
33 Highway to the St. John Valley and mandated that the
34 commission shall report its findings and any necessary
35 legislation by February 15, 1988; and

36 Whereas, the Commission on the Feasibility of
37 Constructing a Highway to the St. John Valley was
38 charged with an extensive and complex issue with far-

1 reaching economic ramifications, and needs additional
2 time to complete the study and submit its findings and
3 legislation; and

4 Whereas, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Planning
5 Committee must have an extension of its statutory
6 annual reporting deadline in order to adequately
7 complete its duties; and

8 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
9 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
10 Constitution of Maine and require the following
11 legislation as immediately necessary for the
12 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
13 now, therefore,

14 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6681, sub-§7, as enacted by PL
17 1983, c. 838, §6, is amended to read:

18 7. Sunset. This section shall be reviewed by the
19 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
20 jurisdiction over marine resources in the Second
21 Regular Session of the 113th Legislature. That
22 committee shall report its findings no later than
23 March April 1, 1988.

24 Sec. 2. PL 1987, c. 542, §2 is amended to read:

25 Sec. 2. Feasibility of highway. The
26 commission shall study the feasibility of constructing
27 a 4-lane highway, with controlled access, from the end
28 of the existing Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley.
29 The commission may conduct an impact study if
30 necessary. The commission shall report its findings,
31 together with any necessary legislation, to the Second
32 Regular Session of the 113th Legislature by
33 February March 15, 1988.

34 Sec. 3. Resolve 1987, chapter 52, 12th ¶ is
35 amended to read:

36 Report. Resolved: That the commission shall

