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Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and 1400 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MATTHEWS of Kennebec

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

Resolve, to Permit Certain Uses of the State Seal.

(EMERGENCY)

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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 state seal may not now be used or displayed for
commercial purposes without express permission from the Governor;
and

Whereas, it is currently unclear what guidelines or criteria
for approval are applied; and

Whereas, this requirement discourages numerous potential
uses of the State seal that are both educational and honorable;
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. Development of guidelines. Resolved: That the Office of
the Secretary of State shall review the current approved uses of
the state seal and develop guidelines for the review and approval
of future requests to use the state seal for commercial purposes;
and be it further

Sec. 2. Presentation of findings. Resolved: That the Office of
the Secretary of State shall present its findings and any
necessary implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session
of the 115th Legislature no later than November 1, 1991.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve directs the Office of the Secretary of State to
develop guidelines for reviewing and approving requests to use or
display the State seal for commercial purposes.