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House of Representatives, March 28, 1995

Resolve, to Establish a Comprehensive Study on the Effects of Maine's Middle Age Population on the Maine Economy and Health Facilities.

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOYNER of Hollis.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, CAMPBELL of Holden, CARLETON of Wells, DAMREN of Belgrade, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, DUNN of Gray, FITZPATRICK of Durham, HARTNETT of Freeport, JOYCE of Biddeford, LIBBY of Kennebunk, LINDAHL of Northport, LOVETT of Scarborough, MARVIN of Cape Elizabeth, McALEVEY of Waterboro, REED of Falmouth, RICE of South Bristol, ROBICHAUD of Caribou, SAVAGE of Union, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, TAYLOR of Cumberland, TRUE of Fryeburg, TUFTS of Stockton Springs, WINGLASS of Auburn.

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Study the Effects of Maine's Aging Population, referred to in
4 this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it
further

6 **Sec. 2. Members. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
15 members as follows: one Senator from the Joint Standing
8 Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the
Senate; 3 Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on
10 Human Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives; one representative of the Department of Human
12 Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Human Services; 10
representatives of the general public, 4 of whom are appointed by
14 the Governor, 3 of whom are appointed by the President of the
Senate and 3 of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives; and be it further

18 **Sec. 3. Organizational meeting. Resolved:** That all appointments
must be made no later than 14 days following the effective date
20 of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the
Executive Director of the Legislative Council upon making their
22 appointments. The commission shall hold an organizational
meeting, called by the Chair of the Legislative Council, within
24 30 days of the effective date of this resolve and shall elect
from among its members a chair and a vice-chair for the
26 commission; and be it further

28 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
effects of the aging population of this State, including, but not
30 limited to, the following:

32 1. The size of the anticipated increase in the elderly
population of this State;

34 2. Whether the health care facilities in this State,
36 including hospitals, nursing homes, boarding homes and all types
of assisted-living facilities, are prepared to accommodate the
38 anticipated increase in the elderly population;

40 3. Whether the Medicare and Medicaid programs are
positioned to meet the needs of the State's elderly population;
42 and

44 4. Whether there will be enough workers to fill anticipated
job openings in this State, especially those in the field of
46 elder health care; and be it further

48 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the State Planning
Office and the Department of Human Services shall provide
50 research, clerical and computer assistance to the commission; and
be it further

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2 **Sec. 6. Reimbursement; mileage. Resolved:** That the members of
the commission are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses or
4 legislative per diem, except that members are entitled to
reimbursement for mileage upon application to the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

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8 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a
report, together with any necessary implementing legislation, to
10 the First Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by January 10,
1997.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Effects
16 of Maine's Aging Population.