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SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 99, L.D. 112, "Resolve, to Study Current Regulations Imposed on Small Businesses to Require Greater Efficiency"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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'Amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

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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

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**Whereas,** study of the regulation of small businesses is important to determining the appropriate level of regulation; and

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**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'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

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'**Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 9 members. The President of the Senate shall appoint 4 members, to include one Senator, one member representing the private sector, one member representing a business employing fewer than 15 people and one member from the

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2 Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic Development.  
3 The Speaker of the House shall appoint 4 members, to include one  
4 member of the House of Representatives, one member representing  
5 the public sector, one member representing a business employing  
6 fewer than 15 people and one member from the Joint Standing  
7 Committee on Business and Economic Development. The first named  
8 Senator is the Senate chair. The first named House member is the  
9 House chair. The Commissioner of Economic and Community  
10 Development or the commissioner's designee must be a member of  
11 the task force; and be it further

12 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all  
13 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the  
14 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall  
15 notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once the  
16 selections have been made. Within 15 days after appointment of  
17 all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting  
18 of the task force; and be it further'

20 Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the  
21 title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by  
22 striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place  
23 the following: 'Further amend'

24 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in the 4th line  
25 (page 1, line 29 in amendment) by striking out the following:  
26 "to facilitate the study"

28 Further amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of  
29 the first 2 indented paragraphs and section 8 (page 2, lines 2 to  
30 34 in amendment) and inserting in their place the following:

32 'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 6  
33 and 7 and inserting in their place the following:

36 **'Sec. 6. Expenses. Resolved:** That the legislative members of  
37 the task force receive legislative per diem, as defined in the  
38 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's  
39 attendance at task force hearings, and other members of the task  
40 force not otherwise reimbursed by their employer or other entity  
41 are entitled to receive reimbursement for reasonable expenses for  
42 each day's attendance at task force hearings; and be it further

44 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That no later than December 15,  
45 1999, the task force shall submit its report, together with any  
46 recommendations for legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee  
47 on Business and Economic Development. The Joint Standing  
48 Committee on Business and Economic Development is authorized to  
report out a bill during the Second Regular Session of

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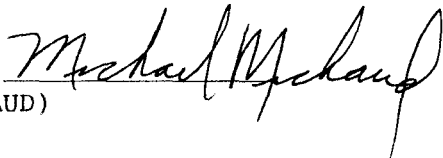
2 the 119th Legislature concerning the findings and recommendations  
of the task force.

4 If the task force requires an extension of the reporting  
6 deadline, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may  
grant the extension.

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

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14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment corrects the appointment of the chairs of the  
Task Force to Study the Effect of Government Regulation on Small  
18 Businesses. It limits resulting legislation to a bill and  
corrects the appropriation.

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22 SPONSORED BY:   
(Senator MICHAUD)

24 COUNTY: Penobscot  
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