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House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Fund Mandates Enacted Solely for an Individual's Safety.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Penobscot.

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

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Constitution, Art. IX, §24 is enacted to read:

Section 24. State mandates for personal safety. The State is required to reimburse to individual citizens 100% of the cost of a citizen's compliance with any state law enacted solely for a citizen's personal safety and that requires a citizen to purchase an item or service to comply with that mandate. This section must be liberally construed.

; and be it further

16 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require the State to reimburse citizens for 100% of the cost of a citizen's compliance with any state law enacted solely for an individual's safety?"

30 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a 32 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings 34 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as 36 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes 38 are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the 40 Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further

42 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
44 and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

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SUMMARY

This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine 4 to require the State to reimburse Maine citizens for the entire cost of compliance with personal safety mandates.