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Resolve, to Comprehensively Address Protection of Public Health and Natural Resources.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, CAMERON of Rumford, DUGAY of Cherryfield, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, SAVAGE of Union, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senator: NUTTING of Androscoggin.

Sec. 1. Division of Health Engineering. Resolved: That the Division of Health Engineering is transferred from the Department 2 of Human Services to the Department of Environmental Protection on July 1, 2000. The Department of Environmental Protection 4 shall present legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 1, 2000 to accomplish the transfer. 6 The Division of Health Engineering within the Department of 8 Environmental Protection is responsible for programs pertaining to plumbing, radiation control and drinking water. The division 10 of Health Engineering shall create a comprehensive groundwater program that will include the existing elements of the present 12 drinking water program and report back January 1, 2000 as to additional support and staffing needs; and be it further 14

Sec. 2. Eating and lodging program. Resolved: That the eating and lodging program is transferred from the Department of Human 16 Services to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural 18 Resources on July 1, 2000. The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall present legislation to the Joint 20 Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 1, 2000 to accomplish the transfer. The eating and 22 lodging program consists of licensing activities and inspections to ensure that foods are packaged, processed, prepared and stored 24 in sanitary environments and is combined with the food inspection program. 26

SUMMARY

30 This resolve transfers to the Department of Environmental Protection the Division of Health Engineering from the Department 32 of Human Services and the eating and lodging program from the Department of Human Services to the Department of Agriculture, 34 Food and Rural Resources as of July 1, 2000. It directs the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of 36 Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to present legislation required to make the transfers by January 1, 2000.

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