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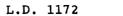
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6	AGRICULTURE, CONSER	VATION AND FORESTRY	
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14	SENATE 119TH LEGISLATURE		
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION		
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to	S.P. 393, L.D. 1172, "Resolve,	
20	Establishing a Task Force to Stu Vitality Zone Program"		
22	Amend the resolve by insert	ting after the title and before	
24	section 1 the following:	aring drops and series	
26 28	Emergency preamble. Where Legislature do not become ef adjournment unless enacted as eme		
30	Whereas, the vitality of ac State; and	griculture is essential to this	
32	Whereas, the duties of the	task force established by this	
34	resolve are important to maintain the State; and	ing and enhancing agriculture in	
36	Whereas, the expeditious	appointment of members and	
38	convening of the task force is i of its tasks; and		
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42	create an emergency within the Maine and require the following		
44	necessary for the preservation of safety; now, therefore, be it'	of the public peace, health and	
46	-	y striking out all of sections 2	
48	and 3 (page 1, lines 6 to 33 in place the following:		
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 393, L.D. 1172 'Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 12 members appointed as follows: The Director of the State Planning Office or the director's designee; 6 Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural 2. The 8 Resources or the commissioner's designee; 10 The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; 12 One representative each from the northern, southern, 14 eastern and western Maine regional development districts, appointed by the Governor; 16 citizens with experience agriculture Two in 18 agricultural marketing, appointed by the Governor; and 20 One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. Appointments of House 22 members must include one member of the party holding the largest 24 number of seats in the House and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House; and be it further 26

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That, at the task force's first meeting, the task force shall select a chair from among its members; and be it further'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 5 (page 1, lines 41 to 49 and page 2, lines 2 to 15 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall hold a minimum of 4 public meetings, one in each of 4 development districts; gather information; create working groups; and request necessary data from public and private entities in order to:

- 1. Establish a process to identify those areas of the State where there is substantial existing or evolving small-scale agricultural activity, an evolving network of support services and developed or developing regional or direct markets;
- 2. Target existing and potential state resources to promote agriculture and to create and support the development of agricultural vitality zones, including: farmland conservation and protection measures; job training programs, including beginning-farmer training programs; tax policy, tax credits and incentives; and grants and loans; and

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2	Identify, examine and propose strategies or measures that will benefit and expand the State's small-scale agricultural
4	enterprises, including, but not limited to, new and existing marketing programs, the identification of new products and
6	services, possibilities for collaboration, the development of spin-off or value-added businesses and the enhancement of support
8	services; and be it further'
10	Further amend the resolve in section 8 in the last line (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and
12	inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'
14	Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 8 the following:
16	'Sec. 9. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
18	appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.
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24	LEGISLATURE
24	Task Force to Study the Need for an
26	Agricultural Vitality Zone Program
28	Personal Services \$990
	All Other 7,200
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32	Provides funds for the per
34	diem and expenses of
34	legislative members and the expenses of other eligible
J 4	members of the Task Force to
36	Study the Need for an
50	Agricultural Vitality Zone
38	Program, to conduct 4 public
	hearings and to print the
40	required report.
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	TOTAL \$8,190
44	Emergency clouds In view of the annual state in the
46	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'
48	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the

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summary the following:

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2	'FISCAL NOTE	
4	1999-00	
6	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS	
8	General Fund \$8,190	
10	This resolve includes an additional General Fund appropriation of \$8,190 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the	
12	Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of other eligible members of the Task Force to	
14	Study the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program, to conduct 4 public hearings and to print the required report.	
16	The Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and	
18	the State Planning Office will incur some minor additional costs to provide staffing and to participate as members of the task	
20	force. These costs can be absorbed within those agencies' existing budgeted resources.	
22	The Department of Economic and Community Development will	
24	incur some minor additional costs to participate as a member of the task force. These costs can be absorbed within the	
26	department's existing budgeted resources.'	
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30	SUMMARY	
	This amendment changes membership of the Task Force to Study	
32	the Need for an Agricultural Vitality Zone Program and allows the members to select a chair. It requires a minimum of 4 public	
34	meetings, one in each of the State's 4 development districts. It clarifies that the task force is to target existing and evolving	
36	agriculture. It also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve. This amendment also adds an appropriation	

38 section and fiscal note to the resolve.

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