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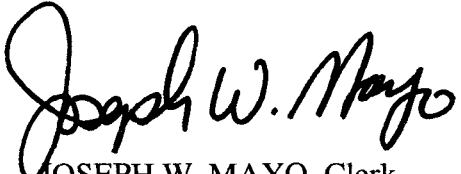
No. 1903

H.P. 1320

House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

Resolve, to Study the Needs of Maine Veterans and Their Families.

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator RUHLIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: COTE of Lewiston, DUGAY of Cherryfield, HEIDRICH of Oxford,
MENDROS of Lewiston, SHIELDS of Auburn, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senator: MICHAUD of
Penobscot.

2 **Sec. 1. Study commission established. Resolved:** That the
Commission to Study the Needs of Maine Veterans and Their
4 Families, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is
established. The commission consists of 8 members, as follows:

6 1. Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

8 A. Two representatives of statewide associations
representing veterans;

10 B. One representative of the State Employee Health Program;

12 C. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's
14 designee; and

16 D. The Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard or the
18 designee of the Adjutant General; and

20 2. Three members of the Legislature appointed as follows:

22 A. One member of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and
Veterans Affairs appointed by the President of the Senate;
24 and

26 B. One member of the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and
Veterans Affairs and one member of the Joint Standing
28 Committee on Health and Human Services appointed by the
Speaker of the House; and be it further

30 **Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study the
needs of veterans in this State and their families, the expansion
32 of services now offered and methods of reimbursement for limited
and nonservice-connected injuries and illnesses through Medicaid,
34 health maintenance organizations and other 3rd-party payors. The
commission shall study allowing spouses and dependent children of
36 veterans to be treated by the Department of Veterans Affairs,
Medical and Regional Office Center and the clinics and mobile van
38 services provided by the hospital. The commission shall invite
the following persons to participate in the study on a basis
40 equal to that of the members of the commission:

42 1. The members of the Congressional Delegation; and

44 2. The Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs,
Medical and Regional Office Center or the director's designee.

46 The commission shall conduct public hearings and provide
48 opportunities for input to veterans and their families; and be it
further

2 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall report by
January 1, 2000 to the Legislature on legislation needed to
4 provide access to high-quality services fairly reimbursed by
state and federal programs and 3rd-party payors. The report must
6 include implementing legislation and suggestions for changes on
the federal level.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Commission to Study the Needs
of Maine Veterans and Their Families. It requires a report to
14 the Legislature by January 1, 2000.

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