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House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**Resolve, to Establish the Committee to Study the Feasibility of
Establishing a Recreational Saltwater Fishing License.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Marine Resources suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative DUNLAP of Old Town.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: HONEY of Boothbay, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, MAYO of Bath, MUSE of
South Portland, MUSE of Fryeburg, Speaker SAXL of Portland, USHER of Westbrook,
Senator: LEMONT of York.

2 **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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6 **Whereas,** this measure must take effect immediately so that
the committee may begin its work in a timely manner and meet its
reporting deadline; and

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10 **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
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore, be it

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16 **Sec. 1. Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a
Recreational Saltwater Fishing License established. Resolved:** That the
Committee to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Recreational
18 Saltwater Fishing License, referred to in this resolve as the
"committee," is established; and be it further

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22 **Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved:** That the committee consists of
the following 7 members:

24 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
the Senate, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on
26 Marine Resources and one of whom serves on the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

28 2. Four members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of
the House, one of whom serves on the Joint Standing Committee on
30 Marine Resources and one of whom serves on the Joint Standing
Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and

32 3. One public member appointed jointly by the President of
the Senate and the Speaker of the House; and be it further

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36 **Sec. 3. Appointments; chairs; convening of committee. Resolved:**
That all appointments must be made by August 1, 2001. The
38 appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the
Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. The
40 first named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first named
House of Representatives member is the House chair. The first
42 meeting must be called by the chairs no later than September 1,
2001. The committee may meet up to 4 times to carry out its
44 duties; and be it further

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48 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall study the
feasibility of establishing a recreational saltwater fishing
license. During the study, the committee shall hold at least 2

2 public hearings, each in a different region of the State, to seek
public comment and input; and be it further

4 **Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the
Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
6 shall provide necessary staffing services to the committee; and
be it further

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10 **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That legislative members are
entitled to receive the legislative per diem and reimbursement of
12 necessary expenses for attendance at authorized meetings of the
committee. Public members not otherwise compensated by their
14 employers or other entities whom they represent are entitled to
receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and a per diem equal
to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized
16 meetings of the committee; and be it further

18 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the committee shall submit a
report on the issues studied along with any recommended
20 legislation to the Legislature no later than November 1, 2001.
If the committee requires an extension of time to make its
22 report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant
the extension; and be it further

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26 **Sec. 8. Committee budget.** That the chairs of the committee,
with assistance from the committee staff, shall administer the
committee's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the
28 committee shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the
Legislative Council for its approval. The committee may not
30 incur expenses that would result in the committee's exceeding its
approved budget. Upon request from the committee, the Executive
32 Director of the Legislative Council or the executive director's
designee shall provide the committee chairs and staff with a
34 status report on the committee's budget, expenditures incurred
and paid and available funds.

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

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This resolve establishes the Committee to Study the
Feasibility of Establishing a Recreational Saltwater Fishing
46 License. As part of its study, the committee shall hold at least
2 public hearings to seek public input. The report deadline for
the committee is November 1, 2001. The committee is authorized
48 to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th
Legislature.