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In Senate, April 24, 2001

**Resolve, to Create a Study Commission to Develop a Comprehensive
Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics Recycling.**

Reported by Senator Martin for the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources
pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 563

Reference to the Committee on Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed under
Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

2 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission
to Develop a Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and
4 Expand Plastics Recycling, referred to in this resolve as the
"commission," is established; and be it further

6 **Sec. 2. Commission membership; appointed and ex officio members.**
Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members:

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10 1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of
the Senate. One member must be a member of the Joint Standing
12 Committee on Natural Resources and one member must be a member of
the Joint Standing Committee on Business and Economic
14 Development. The first appointed member of the Senate is the
Senate chair of the commission;

16 2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
by the Speaker of the House. One member must be a member of the
18 Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources and one member must
be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Business and
20 Economic Development. The first appointed member of the House is
the House chair of the commission;

22 3. Three members ex-officio members: the Director of the
24 State Planning Office or the director's designee, the
Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's
26 designee and the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural
Resources or the commissioner's designee; and

28 4. Six persons appointed by the Governor as follows:

30 A. Two representatives of statewide environmental
32 organizations;

34 B. One representative of the Maine Grocers Association;

36 C. One representative of the Maine Merchants Association
Inc.;

38 D. One representative of the Maine Chamber of Commerce; and

40 E. One representative of redemption center owners; and be
42 it further

44 **Sec. 3. Appointments; meetings. Resolved:** That all
appointments must be made no later than 30 days after the
46 effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall
notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once the
48 appointments have been made. The Executive Director of the
Legislative Council shall notify the chairs when all appointments
50 have been made. The chairs of the commission shall call and
convene the first meeting of the commission within 30 days after
52 all appointments have been made; and be it further

2 **Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

4 1. Undertake an analysis of plastics generation by type and
current method of disposal;

6 2. Study the feasibility of expanding the State's bottle
8 deposit laws to include containers made of high density
polyethylene, polyethylene-terethphalate or polyvinyl chloride;

10 3. Study the feasibility of banning the incineration of
12 polyvinyl chloride and other plastics;

14 4. Recommend market-based recycling opportunities for
plastics; and

16 5. Recommend incentives for expanded in-state end uses for
18 plastics; and be it further

20 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit
its report, together with any recommended implementing
22 legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
having jurisdiction over natural resources matters no later than
24 December 1, 2002. The joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters
26 may introduce legislation during the First Regular Session of the
121st Legislature; and be it further

28 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That, upon approval of the
30 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
shall provide staffing assistance to the commission. The Office
32 of Fiscal and Program Review and state agencies shall also
provide assistance as requested by the commission; and be it
34 further

36 **Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That the members of the
commission who are Legislators are entitled to receive the
38 legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other
40 necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized
meetings of the commission; and be it further

42 **Sec. 8. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission,
44 with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the
commission's budget. The commission may not incur expenses
46 exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the commission,
the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly
48 provide the commission and its staff with a status report on the
commission's budget, expenditures incurred and remaining
50 available funds.

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SUMMARY

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4 This resolve creates the Commission to Develop a
6 Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Toxic Emissions and Expand Plastics
8 Recycling to undertake an analysis of plastics generation by type
10 and current method of disposal; study the feasibility of
12 expanding the State's bottle deposit laws to include containers
 made of high density polyethylene, polyethylene-terephthalate or
 polyvinyl chloride; study the feasibility of banning the
 incineration of polyvinyl chloride and other plastics; recommend
 market-based recycling opportunities for plastics; and recommend
 incentives for expanded in-state end uses for plastics.

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16 The commission is directed to submit its report, together
 with any recommended implementing legislation, to the joint
 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
 natural resources matters no later than December 1, 2002.