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House of Representatives, March 11, 2002

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Resolve, to Allow Julie Harrington to Sue the State.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative HASKELL of Milford. Cosponsored by Senator YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot and Representatives: CHASE of Levant, DUPLESSIE of Westbrook, GOODWIN of Pembroke, McDONOUGH of Portland, TREADWELL of Carmel.

|     | Sec. 1. Waiver of immunity; authorization to sue State. Resolved:   |
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| 2   | That, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, Julie Harrington,  |
| 4   | who claims that the State is using a computer program that she created in violation of her alleged copyrights in that software, |
| •   | is authorized to bring a civil action against the State.  |
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|     | This action may be brought within one year from the date  |
| 8   | this resolve is approved. The Attorney General shall appear and   |
|     | answer and defend the action.   |
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| 1.0 | The Treasurer of State shall pay any judgment, including  |
| 12  | cost and interest, on final process issued by the court.  |
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|     | SUMMARY   |
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|     | This resolve authorizes Julie Harrington to bring a civil   |
| 18  | action against the State for damages resulting from the alleged   |
|     | use by the State of a computer program that she created in  |
| 20  | violation of her alleged copyrights in that software.   |
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