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House of Representatives, February 18, 2003

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State
Police to Provide On-line Access to Sex Offender and Sexually
Violent Predator Registration Information**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUPREY of Medway, GOODWIN of
Pembroke.

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,** public access to on-line sex offender and sexually
violent predator registration information will help provide
citizens with frequently requested information and may better
ensure public safety; and

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

16 **Sec. 1. Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to develop
and implement plan to provide on-line access to sex offender and sexually
18 violent predator registration information. Resolved:** That the
Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall develop
and implement a plan to provide public on-line access to sex
offender and sexually violent predator registration information.
22 The Bureau of State Police shall work with the Attorney General
to identify what information maintained in the sex offender
24 registry may be publicly accessed on-line and how that
information may be accessed. The Department of Public Safety,
26 Bureau of State Police shall present a report, including its
on-line public access plan, what information may be accessed and
28 a schedule for implementation of the plan, to the Joint Standing
Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by May 1, 2003.

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

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SUMMARY

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38 This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety, Bureau
of State Police to develop and implement a plan to provide public
on-line access to sex offender and sexually violent predator
40 registration information. The Department of Public Safety,
Bureau of State Police shall present a report, including its
42 on-line public access plan, what information may be accessed and
a schedule for implementation of the plan, to the Joint Standing
44 Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by May 1, 2003.