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H.P. 323

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

**Resolve, To Improve Access to Emergency Services in State Parks  
and in the Maine Wildlife Park**

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.  
Cosponsored by Senator SNOWE-MELLO of Androscoggin and  
Representative: AUSTIN of Gray.

2           **Sec. 1. Commissioner of Conservation and Commissioner of Inland**  
3           **Fisheries and Wildlife directed to implement safety measures. Resolved:**

4           That the Commissioner of Conservation and the Commissioner of  
5           Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall take necessary actions to  
6           provide the public with appropriate access to emergency services  
7           when visiting state parks and the Maine Wildlife Park. The  
8           commissioners shall:

9           1. Review the training, duties and number of staff working  
10          in the parks during the hours that the parks are open to the  
11          public and take steps to ensure that an employee with first aid  
12          and CPR training is on the premises during the hours that a park  
13          is open to the public;

14          2. Direct the superintendent of each park to:

15           A. Maintain a working telephone at the park entrance during  
16           the hours that the park is open to the public;

17           B. Arrange for a pay telephone to be installed in a clearly  
18           visible location at the entrance to or within the park; and

19           C. Develop a policy to allow the emergency use of cellular  
20           telephones within the park and have that policy clearly  
21           displayed at the entrance to the park or stated in the park  
22           brochure;

23          3. Direct the superintendent of each park to establish a  
24          first aid station within the park. The designated area should be  
25          equipped according to guidelines of the American Red Cross and  
26          in compliance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
27          standards for a first aid area; and

28          4. Direct the superintendent of each park to consult with  
29          local emergency agencies, including police, fire and rescue  
30          services, and arrange for emergency responders to have the key or  
31          access codes needed for vehicular access to the park; and be it  
32          further

33           **Sec. 2. Report to legislative committee. Resolved:** That no later  
34           than January 3, 2006, the Commissioner of Conservation and the  
35           Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report to the  
36           joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
37           over conservation matters and the joint standing committee of the  
38           Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and  
39           wildlife matters on actions taken pursuant to this resolve.

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## SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Commissioner of Conservation and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to take certain actions to improve the public's access to emergency services when visiting state parks and the Maine Wildlife Park.