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House of Representatives, February 8, 2005

An Act To Establish a Maine Law Sunset Review Committee

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: CEBRA of Naples, JODREY of Bethel, JOY of Crystal, LINDELL of
Frankfort, McLEOD of Lee, TRAHAN of Waldoboro.

2 in the review required under subsection 1 and in the report
preparation under subsection 3.

4 3. Report; legislation. The committee shall prepare and
6 submit to the Legislature, within 30 days after the convening of
8 the second regular session of each Legislature, a report
10 identifying the statutes reviewed and the advisability of
retaining each statute identified as potentially obsolete or
outdated. The committee may submit recommended legislation to
the second regular session of each Legislature.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
14 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

16 SUMMARY

18 This bill creates a process for a review of the Maine
20 Revised Statutes to eliminate obsolete and outdated statutes.
22 The process is based on the assignment in each Legislature of a
24 joint standing or joint select committee whose duties are to
26 review the Maine Revised Statutes and report at the beginning of
28 the second regular session of that Legislature a summary of the
committee's work and any recommended legislation. The committee
meets during legislative sessions and may meet between sessions
as authorized by the presiding officers. The Legislative Council
provides staffing assistance. Other state agencies may provide
assistance.