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Resolve, To Regulate Blasting Operators

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative CROCKETT of Augusta and Representatives: KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, SILSBY of Augusta.

1	Sec. 1. The Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal
2	to adopt rules to regulate blasting companies. Resolved: That the Department
3 4	of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal shall adopt rules to regulate companies and individuals that conduct blasting operations. The rules must address:
5	1. Registration for any individual or company that conducts blasting operations;

- 2. Standards for a certificate of competency required to be issued to a registrant for which the State Fire Marshal determines minimum levels of expertise and knowledge in the field of blasting; and
- 9 3. Standards of financial capacity for registrants in case of personal injury or property damage that may occur during a registrant's blasting operations. These standards may also include bonding.
- Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

14 SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to regulate companies and individuals that conduct blasting operations, including requiring registration, certificates of competency and a showing of financial capacity by the blasting concerns in case of personal injury or property damage.