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**Resolve, To Determine Appropriate Buffer Zones for Landfill  
Construction and Expansion**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative DUCHESNE of Hudson and Senator: BARTLETT of  
Cumberland, Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BLANCHARD of Old Town,  
EBERLE of South Portland, KOFFMAN of Bar Harbor, MAKAS of Lewiston, MIRAMANT  
of Camden, WAGNER of Lewiston.

1       **Sec. 1. Establishment of buffer zones for landfill construction and**  
2 **expansion. Resolved:** That the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the  
3 Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules establishing buffer zones for  
4 landfill construction and expansion. These rules must protect the public and nearby  
5 property owners from the visual effects, odor and noise of landfills. The State Planning  
6 Office and the Department of Environmental Protection shall hold public hearings in  
7 conjunction with the development of these rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this section  
8 are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375,  
9 subchapter 2-A.

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#### SUMMARY

11       This resolve directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the  
12 Department of Environmental Protection to adopt, after public hearing, major substantive  
13 rules establishing buffer zones for landfill construction and expansion that protect the  
14 public and nearby property owners from the visual effects, odor and noise of landfills.