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H.P. 1229

House of Representatives, December 20, 2011

An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Address a Joint Session of the Legislature

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2011. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.
Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville, FOSSEL of
Alna, KESCHL of Belgrade, PRIEST of Brunswick, WALLACE of Dexter, WINSOR of
Norway.

1 **Emergency preamble.** **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** this legislation authorizes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of
4 the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each
5 year to address a joint session of the Legislature; and

6 **Whereas,** in order to authorize the appearance of the Adjutant General before the
7 Legislature in February of 2012, it is necessary that this legislation be an emergency
8 measure; and

9 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

13 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

14 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §10** is enacted to read:

15 **§10. Report by Adjutant General**

16 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may
17 invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each year before a joint session of
18 the Legislature to address the Legislature on defense, veterans' services and emergency
19 management matters and such other matters as the Adjutant General desires to bring to
20 the attention of the Legislature.

21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
22 legislation takes effect when approved.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 Under current law, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the
25 President of the Maine Community College System are invited annually to address the
26 Legislature on matters within their purviews. This bill authorizes the President of the
27 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to
28 appear annually before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature on
29 defense, veterans' services and emergency management matters.