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In Senate, December 23, 2013

**Resolve, To Require the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans'
Services To Report on the Administration of the Coordinated
Veterans Assistance Fund**

(EMERGENCY)

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 23, 2013. Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PATRICK of Oxford.

Cosponsored by Representative BRIGGS of Mexico and

Senator: JACKSON of Aroostook, Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, FOWLE of Vassalboro, KINNEY of Limington, THERIAULT of Madawaska.

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**, delays in the provision of vital health care services to veterans are
4 common and have significant negative effects on the lives of veterans; and

5 **Whereas**, ensuring that efforts to assist veterans in receiving services and necessary
6 health care benefits from the Federal Government are being conducted efficiently and
7 expediently is critical to the well-being of veterans in Maine; and

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

12 **Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to report on**
13 **Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund. Resolved:** That the Director of the
14 Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and
15 Emergency Management shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and
16 Legal Affairs no later than March 15, 2014 regarding the administration of the
17 Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund as established by the Maine Revised Statutes,
18 Title 37-B, section 514. The report must include an accounting of the revenues deposited
19 into the fund in 2013 and how those funds are being distributed to the designated
20 recipients as required by Title 37-B, section 514.

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

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This resolve requires the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within
25 the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to report to the Joint
26 Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs on the Coordinated Veterans
27 Assistance Fund.