

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

BMG  
R.R.

Date: 5/16/15

(Filing No. H- 116)

TRANSPORTATION

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.

STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 621, L.D. 902, "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities"

Amend the resolve by inserting before section 1 the following:

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

**Whereas,** this resolve establishes the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities in order to study parking issues that exist for persons with physical disabilities in this State and make recommendations for changes to current law to improve accessibility and convenience; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

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

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "9" and inserting the following: '11'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Three" and inserting the following: 'Four'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out subsections 5 and 6 (page 1, lines 14 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'5. One representative of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles with expertise in the subject matter of the study appointed by the Secretary of State;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 6. One representative of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency  
2 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services with expertise in the subject matter of  
3 the study appointed by the Adjutant General; and

4 7. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee; and be it  
5 further'

6 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

7 **'Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 2, 2015, the  
8 commission shall submit a report that includes findings and recommendations, including  
9 suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
11 legislation takes effect when approved.'

### 12 SUMMARY

13 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.  
14 The resolve establishes the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical  
15 Disabilities.

16 This amendment provides that the representative of the Department of the Secretary  
17 of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles is appointed to the commission by the Secretary of  
18 State rather than the Governor and the representative of the Department of Defense,  
19 Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services is appointed  
20 to the commission by the Adjutant General rather than the Governor. The amendment  
21 also provides that the Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee  
22 serves on the commission. The amendment adds one additional member of the House of  
23 Representatives with expertise in the subject matter of the study to the commission.

24 The amendment also specifies that the commission submits a report that includes  
25 findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing  
26 Committee on Transportation. Pursuant to Joint Rule 353, upon receipt of a report  
27 submitted by a legislative study commission, the joint standing committee to which the  
28 report is submitted may submit a bill during the session to which the report is submitted  
29 to implement its recommendations on matters relating to the study.

### 30 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

31 (See attached)



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 902

LR 1163(02)

**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'A' (H-116)**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

---

## Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study  
Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$3,250 in fiscal year 2015-16. The Legislature's proposed biennial budget for 2016-2017 includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 to fund studies that are ultimately approved by the Legislative Council. Whether that amount is sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Departments of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and Secretary of State associated with serving on the commission can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.