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129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 710

H.P. 515

House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection
To Study the Establishment of a Product Stewardship Program for
Mattresses**

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MOONEN of Portland,
PEOPLES of Westbrook, RISEMAN of Harrison, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

1 **Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection to study the**
2 **establishment of a product stewardship program for mattresses. Resolved:**
3 That the Department of Environmental Protection, referred to in this resolve as "the
4 department," shall study the establishment of a new stewardship program in the State for
5 mattresses, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 18.

6 **Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That the department shall report
7 the findings of its study in section 1, including recommendations and recommended
8 legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by
9 December 4, 2019. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the
10 subject matter of this report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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SUMMARY

12 This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to study the
13 establishment of a new stewardship program in the State for mattresses and report the
14 results of its study to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural
15 Resources by December 4, 2019. The department is required to include recommended
16 legislation to implement its recommendations related to the report, and the joint standing
17 committee is authorized to report out a bill relating to the subject matter of the report to
18 the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.