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**Resolve, To Review the Laws Governing the Enforcement of Protection from Abuse Orders** 

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ROSEN of Hancock. (BY REQUEST) Cosponsored by Representative WARREN of Hallowell and Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DESCHAMBAULT of York, KEIM of Oxford, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, McCREIGHT of Harpswell.

1 Sec. 1. Enforcement of protection from abuse orders review. Resolved: 2 That the Department of Public Safety shall convene a work group to review the laws governing enforcement of protection from abuse orders and how protection from abuse 3 orders are enforced by law enforcement officers. The review must include a review of 4 penalties for submitting malicious or false allegations, especially for the purpose of 5 retaliation, when filing a request for a protection from abuse order. The department shall 6 invite to participate in the work group providers of mental health services, representatives 7 of law enforcement and public safety agencies, medical professionals, members of the 8 legal community with experience in matters related to protection from abuse orders and 9 other individuals who have experience or expertise in protection from abuse orders. 10

11 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 7, 2019, the Department of Public 12 Safety shall submit a report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing 13 Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The joint standing committee may 14 report out a bill concerning the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th 15 Legislature.

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## SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Public Safety to convene a work group to review the laws governing enforcement of protection from abuse orders and how those orders are enforced by law enforcement officers.