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**Resolve, to Modify Security Screenings in the State House and
Implement Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STOVER of Boothbay.
Cosponsored by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth,
Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe,
LaROCHELLE of Augusta, MEYER of Eliot, O'CONNELL of Brewer, PERRY of Calais,
SUPICA of Bangor, WHITE of Waterville.

1 **Sec. 1. Implementing security screenings in Burton M. Cross Building.**
2 **Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall implement security screening
3 procedures within the Burton M. Cross Building that:

4 1. Limit the number of entrances to the Burton M. Cross Building available for public
5 entry and restrict access to all other entrances;

6 2. Require the Chief of the Bureau of Capitol Police to assign Capitol Police officers
7 to conduct security screenings and operate stationary magnetometers and package
8 screening devices at public entrances to the Burton M. Cross Building;

9 3. Require all individuals entering the Burton M. Cross Building to undergo a security
10 screening, including to pass through a stationary magnetometer, to allow any packages or
11 personal belongings to be passed through a package screening device and to submit to
12 additional or alternative security screening processes as the Chief of the Capitol Police may
13 determine appropriate;

14 4. Require Capitol Police officers conducting security screenings in the Burton M.
15 Cross Building to refuse entry to any individual who refuses to undergo a security
16 screening;

17 5. Require Capitol Police officers conducting security screenings in the Burton M.
18 Cross Building to prioritize the security screening of a Legislator, legislative employee or
19 any other individual who presents a valid access card or credential identifying the
20 individual as a state or legislative employee who works inside the Burton M. Cross
21 Building; and

22 6. Require Capitol Police officers conducting security screenings in the Burton M.
23 Cross Building to prioritize the security screening of a lobbyist who presents
24 documentation demonstrating that the lobbyist is actively registered with the Commission
25 on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
26 Title 3, section 313 and has completed the training required by Title 3, section 312-B. For
27 the purposes of this subsection, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section
28 312-A, subsection 10.

29 **Sec. 2. Modifying security screening procedures in the State House.**
30 **Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised
31 Statutes, Title 25, section 2904, subsection 2 requiring that:

32 1. All individuals entering the State House undergo a security screening;

33 2. Security screening personnel prioritize the security screening of a Legislator,
34 legislative employee or any other individual who presents to security screening personnel
35 a valid access card issued by the Legislature for access to the State House and other
36 legislative areas; and

37 3. Security screening personnel prioritize the security screening of a lobbyist who
38 presents to security screening personnel documentation demonstrating that the lobbyist is
39 actively registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
40 pursuant to Title 3, section 313 and has completed the training required by Title 3, section
41 312-B. For the purposes of this subsection, "lobbyist" has the same meaning as in Title 3,
42 section 312-A, subsection 10.

1 **SUMMARY**

2 This resolve directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to implement certain security
3 screening procedures for individuals entering the Burton M. Cross Building, including
4 limiting the number of public entrances, requiring individuals entering the building to
5 undergo a security screening and prioritizing security screenings for certain individuals.
6 The resolve also directs the Legislative Council to adopt rules to make certain changes to
7 the security screening procedures for individuals entering the State House, including
8 requiring all Legislators and legislative employees to undergo a security screening and
9 prioritizing security screenings of certain individuals.