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RESOLVES

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CHAPTER 34

H.P. 1193 - L.D. 1579

RESOLVE, Directing the State Planning
Office to Inventory Virgin Timber Stands on
State Lands.

Director of State Planning Office to inventory
virgin timber stands on state lands. Resolved: That
the Director of the State Planning Office is directed
to conduct an inventory of virgin timber stands and
unique alpine habitats on state-owned lands; and be
it further

Resolved: That the Director of Public Lands
shall cooperate and participate in this study; and be
it further

Resolved: That the Director of the State Plan-
ning Office shall submit this inventory and recom-
mendations for management of these areas to the
Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 35

H.P. 1265 - L.D. 1675

RESOLVE, Providing for Collection of Data
and Promulgation of Rules Concerning
Occupational Safeguards for Operators of
Video Display Terminals.

Bureau of Labor Standards authorized to collect
data. Resolved: That the Bureau of Labor Standards
is authorized and directed to collect statistics,
medical information and other data relating to elec-
tronic video screen data presentation machines, com-
monly called video display terminals or cathode-ray
tubes; and be it further

Bureau of Labor Standards authorized to study
issues. Resolved: That the Bureau of Labor Standards
is authorized and directed to study the following
issues relating to use of these terminals by state
and other public employees:

1.   Whether or not the need exists for work-rest regimens and standards on the length of terminal use each working day to minimize visual, muscular and stress problems in terminal operators;

2.   Whether or not the need exists for periodic vision testing of terminal operators to monitor and protect vision;

3.   Whether or not the need exists to ensure proper ergonomics in the workplace, including issues such as proper illumination and glare control, optimum viewing distances, desk and chair heights and adequate back support provided by operator chairs;

4.   Whether or not the need exists to ensure proper terminal maintenance to minimize health problems;

5.   Whether or not the need exists for employee education on the proper use of terminals to ensure health and safety; and

6.   The fiscal impact of safety measures; and be it further

Bureau of Labor Standards to promulgate rules; and to report to Legislature. Resolved: That the Bureau of Labor Standards shall use the data collected and the information resulting from study of the issues in this resolve to decide whether health and safety measures are necessary and, if necessary, to promulgate any rules, using the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8051, that are needed to provide minimal occupational safeguards for state and public employees who operate video display terminals. The bureau shall report back to the Legislature a summary of the data and information collected, along with any rules promulgated on this subject.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 36

H.P. 1223 - L.D. 1619

RESOLVE, Authorizing the Department of
Educational and Cultural Services to Conduct
a Study of Self-insurance of Public School
Properties.