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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
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CHAPTER 1

S.P. 97 - L.D. 236

**Resolve, to Name the Bridge Between
Bath and Woolwich the Sagadahoc
Bridge**

Sec. 1. Naming the bridge between Bath and Woolwich. Resolved: That the new bridge constructed between Bath and Woolwich, crossing the Kennebec River, be named the Sagadahoc Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 2

S.P. 25 - L.D. 7

**Resolve, to Change the Name of the
Ridlonville Bridge between Rumford
and Mexico to the Veterans
Memorial Bridge**

Sec. 1. Veterans Memorial Bridge. Resolved: That the bridge between Rumford and Mexico between Routes 2 and 108 that is now referred to as the Ridlonville Bridge by the Department of Transportation be renamed the Veterans Memorial Bridge in honor of all Maine veterans and that a sign be erected by the department near the bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 326 - L.D. 442

**Resolve, to Create a Study Group
Regarding Pharmaceutical
Guidelines for Geriatric Residents in
Long-term Care Settings**

Preamble. Whereas, significant quantities of pharmaceuticals are used in the treatment of geriatric residents in long-term care settings; and

Whereas, it is important to the residents and to the State that pharmaceuticals are used properly and economically; and

Whereas, guidelines for the use of pharmaceuticals for geriatric patients can assist administrators and service providers in making decisions about pharmaceuticals for that population; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study group to review and recommend voluntary guidelines for use of pharmaceuticals. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall form a study group to review and recommend voluntary guidelines for the use of pharmaceuticals to treat geriatric patients. The study group must include consumers, advocates for consumers, physicians, medical directors, administrators, nurses and consultant pharmacists who practice in long-term care facilities. The purpose of the guidelines is to enhance the ability of health care practitioners to provide appropriate drug therapy in the most cost-effective manner. The study group shall review existing pharmaceutical care guidelines in other states and Canada and strategies for encouraging the use of the guidelines by providers of health care services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Department of Human Services to provide staffing. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall provide staff assistance to the study group. The study group may meet as often as it considers necessary to perform its duties. The study group shall solicit input from interested parties; and be it further

Sec. 3. Guidelines to be reviewed by March 1, 2000. Resolved: That the study group shall review the guidelines by March 1, 2000 and shall present a copy of the guidelines to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The study group shall also disseminate and encourage use of the guidelines to administrators and service providers who work with geriatric patients.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 4

H.P. 19 - L.D. 29

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative
Review of Chapter 15: Fees, Section
15.8: Inspection Fees-Tramway, a
Major Substantive Rule of the Board
of Elevator and Tramway Safety**

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

Whereas, the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A, requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 15: Fees, Section 15.8: Inspection Fees-Tramway, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Board of Elevator and Tramway Safety, and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective March 29, 1999.

CHAPTER 5

H.P. 21 - L.D. 31

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 8: Fees, Section 1, a Major Substantive Rule of the Board of Veterinary Medicine

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

Whereas, the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A, requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 8: Fees, Section 1, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Board of Veterinary Medicine, and submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, is authorized.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective March 29, 1999.

CHAPTER 6

S.P. 270 - L.D. 763

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Land to Convey a Well and Waterline Easement

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Sec. 1. Authority to convey easement. Resolved: That, under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6209, subsection 6 and Title 12, section 598-A, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation is authorized to convey a well and waterline easement from an abandoned railroad right-of-way in New Sweden acquired with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund and managed as a public, multiple-use trail. The purpose of easement is limited to providing potable water to a residence currently owned and occupied by Charlene Espling.

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