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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

Effective April 5, 2000.

CHAPTER 101

H.P. 868 - L.D. 1225

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Review Rules for Compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act

Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That no later than January 1, 2001, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the following items:

1. The type and number of unconventional or special privilege licenses currently authorized for issuance by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for any type of disability, including a temporary disability;
2. Criteria and standards used by the department to determine eligibility for such licenses;
3. Guidelines for establishing reciprocity with other states on such licenses;
4. Recommendations for improving the promotion of hunting and fishing opportunities in the State to the disabled community;
5. Recommendations on the use of special or group hunts or special seasons for the disabled and on allowing another person to assist a disabled person to hunt or fish; and
6. A discussion of any safety issues that may be associated with hunting or fishing by disabled persons, and recommendations to address any issues identified.

In preparing this report, the commissioner shall consult with the Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, interested parties, the medical community, persons with disabilities and groups representing disabled persons; and be it further

Sec. 2. Legislation authorized. Resolved: That the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out a bill on the issue of expanding hunting and fishing opportunities for persons with a

disability to the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 102

S.P. 1040 - L.D. 2622

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Allow 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.

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 Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife holds a conservation easement on a parcel of land adjacent to the Rangeley River in Rangeley; and

Whereas, the conservation easement was acquired from the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund; and

Whereas, the Department of Environmental Protection desires to install a well on the parcel, said well to serve as a replacement water supply for several area residents whose existing water supplies have been contaminated by oil; 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. Authority to convey easement. Resolved: That, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6209, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is authorized to enter into an amendment of the conservation easement that the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife holds in the Rangeley River conservation corridor and that was acquired with funds from the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The purpose of the amendment must be to allow a well and waterline easement to be granted by the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust in order to provide potable water to residences and businesses served by wells that either are contaminated or in