

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2000**

outreach efforts in order to assess the interest of the State's dairy farmers in forming a cooperative association.

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

Effective April 10, 2000.

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## CHAPTER 106

S.P. 964 - L.D. 2513

### Resolve, Regarding Services for Older Persons with Mental Illness

**Sec. 1. Departmental initiatives. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall undertake initiatives related to the recommendations of the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons that reflect the goals outlined in the recommendations and can be accomplished within the budgets of the departments. By February 1, 2001, the departments shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their progress regarding these initiatives; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Quality assurance. Resolved:** That, within the limits of the appropriated funds, the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall adopt quality assurance measures and performance indicators for service providers that reflect the needs and circumstances of older persons. By February 1, 2001, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on progress regarding these measures and indicators; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall provide support for the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons, referred to in this section as the "advisory committee." The advisory committee shall operate until December 31, 2002. The advisory committee shall study the special needs of older persons, including, but not limited to, services or treatment for mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse and dementia and shall advise the departments on services required to meet those needs. The advisory committee shall monitor the develop-

ment of new initiatives within both departments that serve older persons with special needs. The advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on February 1, 2001, August 1, 2001, February 1, 2002, August 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 107

H.P. 1691 - L.D. 2397

### Resolve, to Require an Examination of Distributed Generation

**Sec. 1. Examination of distributed generation. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall undertake an examination of the issues related to existence and likely spread of the availability and use of local electric generation designed to serve the electrical demands of a single person or a small group of persons within a localized geographic area, referred to in this resolve as "distributed generation." The commission shall examine at least the following:

1. The nature of distributed generation technologies currently available and those in development;
2. Potential impacts on transmission and distribution utilities and their customers;
3. System planning impacts both in the short and long term;
4. The extent to which current law authorizes, limits and affects the use of distributed generation;
5. Safety issues raised by interconnection of distributed generation to transmission and distribution systems; and
6. Policy issues and options related to the following:
  - A. Use of distributed generation by transmission and distribution utilities in lieu of line extensions;
  - B. Use of competitive pricing for distribution services;
  - C. Allowing transmission and distribution utilities or affiliates of transmission and distribution utilities to be directly involved in the distributed generation business;