

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**January 5, 2000 to May 12, 2000**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**AUGUST 11, 2000**

**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**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**

comment on its findings before submitting a final report to the Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That upon approval of the Legislative Council the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide staffing services to the round table. The Department of Labor and the Maine Forest Service within the Department of Conservation shall also provide assistance as requested by the round table; and be it further

**Sec. 7. Compensation. Resolved:** That those members of the round table who are Legislators are entitled to receive legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at meetings of the round table; and be it further

**Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That the round table shall submit its report, together with any recommended implementing legislation, to the 120th Legislature no later than December 5, 2001. If the round table requires an extension of time to make its report, it may apply to the Legislative Council, which may grant the extension; and be it further

**Sec. 9. Budget. Resolved:** That the chairs of the round table, with assistance from the round table staff, shall administer the round table's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the round table shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The round table may not incur expenses that would result in the round table's exceeding its approved budget. Upon request from the round table, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the round table chairs and staff with a status report on the round table's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available funds; and be it further

**Sec. 10. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

**LEGISLATURE**

**Round Table to Study  
Economic and Labor Issues  
Relating to the Forest Products  
Industry**

Personal Services	\$880
All Other	2,800
Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the Round Table	

to Study Economic and Labor Issues Relating to the Forest Products Industry and for public meeting notices.

**LEGISLATURE  
TOTAL**

\$3,680

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

Effective May 8, 2000.

**CHAPTER 125**

**H.P. 1751 - L.D. 2457**

**Resolve, to Require the State Sealer to Conduct Spot Checks at Timber Mills**

**Sec. 1. Spot checks to enhance enforcement of timber measurement standards and record requirements; report. Resolved:** That the Director of the Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall establish a pilot project to conduct additional spot checks to sample the accuracy of wood measurement and record keeping in wood transactions. The director shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters no later than February 15, 2001 on the enhanced monitoring of wood measurement. The report must include the number of additional checks conducted with the additional appropriation and an assessment of findings regarding compliance with wood measurement standards and record-keeping requirements; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

**AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND  
RURAL RESOURCES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Division of Quality Assurance  
and Regulation**

All Other	\$10,000
Appropriates one-time funds to conduct additional checks at timber mills for adherence to	

timber weights and measures standards.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 126

H.P. 1906 - L.D. 2651

### Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Domestic Violence

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

**Whereas,** domestic violence is a pervasive and atrocious problem in Maine and nationwide; and

**Whereas,** for the health and well-being of the people of Maine, it is imperative that reasonable and sound measures be taken to alleviate the problem of domestic violence; and

**Whereas,** in order to adequately address the problem of domestic violence, it needs to be determined what the issues and problems are and what reasonable and sound measures need to be taken; and

**Whereas,** this determination needs to be undertaken as soon as possible so that the problem of domestic violence may be alleviated quickly; 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. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study Domestic Violence, referred to in this resolve as the "commission," is established; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of the following members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate. When making the appointments, the President shall give preference to members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. When making the appointments, the Speaker shall give preference to members of the Joint Standing Commit-

tee on Criminal Justice and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary;

3. One member of the Maine Association of Clerks of Courts who works in the District Court, selected by that association;

4. One member of the Maine Sheriffs Association, selected by that association;

5. One member of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, selected by that association;

6. The President of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, or the president's designee;

7. The President of the Maine Prosecutors Association, or the president's designee;

8. The Director of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, or the director's designee;

9. A survivor of domestic violence, appointed by the President of the Senate;

10. The Chair of the Maine Commission on Domestic Abuse, or the chair's designee;

11. The Victims Service Coordinator for the Department of Corrections;

12. The chair of the Maine Association of Batters Intervention Programs or the chair's designee;

13. One member of the Department of Corrections, Division of Probation and Parole, appointed by the Commissioner of Corrections;

14. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee;

15. The Commissioner of Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and

16. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.

The commission shall ask the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a judge or retired judge from the District Court to serve on the commission as a voting member. Members who are Legislators may serve only while Legislators. If necessary, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House shall appoint new legislative members; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first named Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further