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review the process and evaluate the potential for alternative dispute resolution processes by encouraging 2-member districts to resolve disputes to reconsider the method of sharing costs as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1301, subsection 3. The State Board of Education shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by April 15, 2002. The committee may report out legislation regarding the alternative dispute resolution process to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature.

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CHAPTER 56

S.P. 636 - L.D. 1816

Resolve, Regarding Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Benefits

Sec. 1. Study regarding pharmacists. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall undertake a study of the implications of including pharmacists as health care practitioners under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24, chapter 21. In conducting the study, the bureau shall solicit information from the Maine Pharmacy Association and the Maine Board of Pharmacy. The bureau shall report the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2002 and shall include any recommendations from the bureau; and be it further

Sec. 2. Study regarding pharmaceutical benefits. Resolved: That the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall undertake a study of the feasibility, costs and implications of establishing by rule a standardized pharmaceutical benefits identification card for issuance by health coverage providers that provide pharmaceutical benefits, including insurers, health maintenance organizations and other providers of health coverage. The bureau shall solicit information from the Maine Pharmacy Association and the Maine Board of Pharmacy. The bureau shall report the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2002 and shall include any recommendations from the bureau.

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CHAPTER 57

S.P. 385 - L.D. 1282

Resolve, to Change Route Designations of Certain Interstates and to Change the Interstate Exit Numbering System

Sec. 1. Interstate designations. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall work with the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Maine Turnpike Authority to redesignate the Maine Turnpike I-495 from Falmouth to West Gardiner as I-95; the Falmouth spur of the Maine Turnpike to I-495; and I-95 from Falmouth to West Gardiner as I-495; and be it further

Sec. 2. Interstate exit numbering system. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall work with the Federal Highway Administration, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Maine Turnpike Authority to change Maine's interstate exit numbering system to one in which mile markers determine exit numbers.

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CHAPTER 58

H.P. 182 - L.D. 193

Resolve, to Establish a Centralized Voter Registration List for the State

Preamble. Whereas, there currently exists no statewide voter registration list for the State; and

Whereas, voter registration lists for the State are currently maintained by 520 separate municipal jurisdictions in varying forms, including a variety of databases, typed lists and handwritten lists; and

Whereas, the Federal Election Commission in its 1997 Report to Congress on the impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 highly recommends that states that have not yet done so voluntarily develop and implement a statewide computerized voter registration database; ensure that all local registration offices are computerized; and link their statewide computerized systems, where feasible, with the computerized systems of the collateral public agencies relevant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993; and