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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the study group shall submit a preliminary report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by January 31, 2003 and a final report by January 20, 2004. The final report must summarize all findings and provide specific recommendations made pursuant to section 4 of this resolve, including any proposed legislation to implement these recommendations. Following receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs matters may report out legislation related to the recommendations contained in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staffing. Resolved: That staffing must be jointly provided by the State Board of Education and the Department of Education. The study group may request research and data analysis from the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Maine Education Policy Research Institute.

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CHAPTER 81

H.P. 1492 - L.D. 1995

Resolve, Regarding Participation in Regional Transmission Organization

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

Whereas, regional transmission systems are undergoing comprehensive restructuring that will have a significant and lasting impact upon competition in electricity markets and upon the costs faced by consumers of electricity in the State; and

Whereas, important decisions regarding regional transmission systems are already being made in the context of substantive litigation and negotiations; and

Whereas, the attention to and oversight of these proceedings by the Legislature and the Public Utilities Commission are vital to protect the interest of the State's electric consumers; 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 preserva-

tion of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Study authorized. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a study to determine the advantages and disadvantages of the State's transmission and distribution utilities' joining a regional transmission organization that includes northern Maine and portions of Canada. In conducting its study, the commission shall invite the participation of interested parties in Maine and Canada.

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

Effective March 14, 2002.

CHAPTER 82

S.P. 684 - L.D. 1886

Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to Study the Equity of Fees for Establishments Licensed to Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption

Sec. 1. Director of Liquor Enforcement to study equity of on-premises license fees.

Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety shall study the equity of the cost of license fees for establishments licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption. The study must include an examination of the current disparities in on-premises license fees and whether or not those disparities create a disincentive for establishments to obtain a license for the sale of spirits for on-premises consumption and whether changing the current license fee structure could generate increased revenue to the General Fund from the sale of spirits for consumption on the premises of a licensed establishment. The Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement shall submit a report including suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by December 31, 2003. The committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.

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