

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2004**

**Whereas**, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas**, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 25.20: Protected Resources, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Marine Resources that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 24, 2004.

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## CHAPTER 115

H.P. 1376 - L.D. 1850

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 31: Affordable Housing Development District - Recovery of Public Revenue, a Major Substantive Rule of the Maine State Housing Authority**

**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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas**, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas**, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of Chapter 31: Affordable Housing Development District - Recovery of Public Revenue, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine State Housing Authority that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 24, 2004.

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## CHAPTER 116

H.P. 784 - L.D. 1066

**Resolve, To Establish a Committee To Examine Issues Relating to the Administration of Municipal General Assistance**

**Sec. 1. General assistance committee established. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services shall convene a general assistance committee, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," composed of persons interested in the administration of municipal general assistance. The committee must include, but is not limited to, representatives of the Department of Human Services, the Maine Municipal Association, municipal general assistance administrators and persons with low incomes; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Committee duties. Resolved:** That the committee shall examine and make recommendations regarding the following issues:

1. Whether the administration of municipal general assistance can be simplified and access to general assistance for those in need can be improved;
2. The potential for regional general assistance offices, cooperative agreements among towns and other initiatives to reduce administrative costs of providing municipal general assistance and to improve access to general assistance;
3. Ways in which federal housing assistance can be maximized to assist low-income residents of the State. The committee shall meet with representatives of federal and state housing agencies to evaluate whether fair market rents, as established by the United