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CHAPTER 188**H.P. 1390 - L.D. 1983****Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Model for Community-based Therapeutic Living Settings for Adults with Mental Illness**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop model. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a model for a system of community-based therapeutic living settings for adults with mental illness. This model must grant priority for services within the model to adults with mental illness who have been hospitalized at the Augusta Mental Health Institute or the Riverview Psychiatric Center or who have resided in community-based group homes for persons with mental illness. The department shall include an examination of the financial implications of the model as part of its development of the model. The department shall develop the model using existing departmental resources. In developing the model the department, with the assistance of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review, shall develop a per-unit cost comparison for residential placements for persons with mental illness that compares hospitalization settings, community-based group home settings, other community-based residential settings and community-based therapeutic living settings. The department shall submit a report on the development of this model to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than September 1, 2006.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 189**H.P. 1454 - L.D. 2058****Resolve, Authorizing a Pilot Project To Allow Timber Harvesting Equipment To Be Moved during Nighttime**

Sec. 1. Pilot project to allow timber harvesting equipment to be moved during nighttime. Resolved: That the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police, shall conduct a pilot project that grants overlimit movement permits pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2382 for the transport of timber harvesting equipment by another vehicle between midnight and sunrise during the months of March and April over a way or bridge maintained by the Department of

Transportation. This pilot project must include the conditions that:

1. The air temperature is 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower and the ground is solidly frozen with no standing water;
2. The width of the load does not exceed 11 feet, 6 inches and the length does not exceed 75 feet;
3. Two qualified pilot vehicles escort the overlimit load with one preceding the overlimit load and the other following;
4. Two-way mobile communication is maintained between the pilot vehicles and the overlimit load vehicle; and
5. The overlimit load displays flashing amber beacons at the extremes of the load in the place of or in addition to flags.

The pilot project must allow the Commissioner of Transportation, acting on the advice of the Chief of the State Police, to prohibit the nighttime movement of such loads on particular sections of highway if such movement would create an unacceptable risk to public safety; and be it further

Sec. 2. Rules. Resolved: That the Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement the pilot project under section 1. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police, shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than the first business day in February 2009. The report must include the status of the pilot project under section 1 and recommendations for continuance, discontinuance or modification of the pilot project's terms. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature concerning the subject matter of this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 4. Repeal. Resolved: That this resolve is repealed 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.