

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2007**

OTHER SPECIAL	\$154,126	\$207,819
REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL		

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

Effective May 22, 2007.

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## CHAPTER 36

### H.P. 544 - L.D. 723

#### Resolve, To Promote Chronic Disease Prevention and Care

**Sec. 1. Care model of chronic disease prevention and care. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 31, 2008 on the issues detailed in this resolve. To the extent possible, the report must identify public and private resources currently devoted to the promotion of effective prevention and care for chronic diseases, any resource needs to further promote effective prevention and care and strategies to promote the coordination of public and private resources. The report may also include any recommendations for legislation to further promote effective prevention and care for chronic diseases. The issues to be addressed in the report must include the following:

1. The identification and a description of chronic diseases, including, but not limited to, diabetes, cancer, heart and lung disease and depression;
2. Whether prevention is an effective means to reduce the impact of chronic diseases;
3. A description of the care model of chronic disease prevention and care, which includes regular interactions among patients, their families and their formal caregivers, with a focus on maintaining the health of the individual patient with a chronic disease;
4. A description of a pilot program for effective management of care of high-cost MaineCare members and the integration into that pilot program of chronic disease prevention and care; and
5. The use of the State Health Plan, which is released every 2 years by the Governor's office, with guidance from the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development, as a primary approach to making Maine the healthiest state in the nation.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 37

### H.P. 920 - L.D. 1302

#### Resolve, To Preserve Maine's Electric Energy Infrastructure

**Sec. 1. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 31, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Utilities and Energy concerning the detailed quantitative criteria that the department uses to fulfill the standards of the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with respect to assessing the value of hydropower generation. The report must include the methods used to determine the current and future value of renewable energy considering the cost of electricity to Maine consumers, indigenous production, greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel independence. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the 123rd Legislature to ensure that the detailed quantitative criteria used by the department provide the department with sufficient direction to fully assess the public benefit with respect to hydropower.

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## CHAPTER 38

### H.P. 505 - L.D. 656

#### Resolve, To Focus State Agency Efforts in Economic Development on Entrepreneurial Sustainability and Growth

**Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development directed to convene working groups to develop plan for economic growth in rural counties. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall direct staff to convene working groups in 3 rural counties in the State to develop a plan for economic development and growth that addresses the specific economic environment of each county. The working groups must consist of regional and local economic development leaders, members representing the local chambers of commerce, members from the Maine Jobs Council's workforce investment boards, county government leaders and members of the educational institutions in those counties. The working groups must convene at least 4 meetings to review the economic development needs of these counties and provide benchmarks for their strengths and weaknesses. The department shall assist and guide the working groups with their economic development initiatives; and be it further