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post site and the farm's available land base for the operation. The 2 departments shall provide technical assistance in the development of a compost management plan to persons proposing to establish or expand an agricultural composting operation; and be it further

Sec. 3. Commissioners to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources.

Resolved: That, no later than December 3, 2007, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the status of the rules revision required under section 1, and a description of elements to be included in a compost management plan for agricultural composting operations under section 2. The commissioners shall report on any other activities initiated or materials produced to provide guidance to farmers considering developing or expanding an agricultural composting operation. The commissioners shall articulate in their report agreement on jurisdictional boundaries relating to oversight of agricultural composting operations, unresolved issues and recommendations to further the goal of encouraging appropriate siting, design and operation of agricultural composting operations; and be it further

Sec. 4. Authority to submit legislation.

Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation pertaining to the regulation of agricultural composting operations to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 140

H.P. 737 - L.D. 977

Resolve, To Address the Funding Needs of Air and Ground Emergency and Critical Care Emergency Medical Services

Sec. 1. Working group and report. Re-

solved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a working group that includes the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services; representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance; and representatives of providers of air and ground emergency and critical care emergency medical services. The working group shall review costs of emergency response services and

emergency and nonemergency transportation services; revenues that support the work of the service providers, including fee-for-service payments, insurance, Medicare and MaineCare reimbursement; and the cost of readiness and the growing gap between revenues and costs. The working group shall seek outside funding for its work. If outside funding is obtained, the Department of Health and Human Services shall administer the funds and include information on the funding that was obtained and all expenditures and any remaining balance in the report of the working group. By January 15, 2008, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the findings and the working group and any recommendations for legislation or rulemaking. The joint standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature. This resolve is contingent upon the receipt by the Department of Health and Human Services of outside funding to cover the costs of the working group.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 141

S.P. 85 - L.D. 248

Resolve, Honoring Women Veterans of Maine

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

Whereas, women from Maine who have served in the Armed Services of the United States have made countless contributions and tremendous sacrifices during times of war; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the contribution of Maine women veterans and educate the people of Maine concerning the role of women during wartime since this Nation was founded; and

Whereas, the Commission to Arrange for a Monument Honoring Women Veterans of Maine has recommended and received initial approval for a patriotic, educational and inspiring monument to be erected near the Capitol; and

Whereas, a major fund-raising effort needs to begin in order for this monument to be available for all of the people of Maine and visitors to this State as provided in the timeline provided in the report of the Commission to Arrange for a Monument Honoring Women Veterans of Maine; 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