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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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

Augusta, Maine
2010

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 15: Batterer Intervention Program Certification, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Corrections 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 legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 24, 2010.

CHAPTER 171

H.P. 1093 - L.D. 1551

Resolve, Directing the Right To Know Advisory Committee To Examine Issues Related to Communications of Members of Public Bodies

Sec. 1. Right To Know Advisory Committee review and recommendations. Resolved: That the Right To Know Advisory Committee shall examine the following issues and include recommendations in the annual report due January 15, 2011 under Title 1, section 411, subsection 10 concerning:

1. How the freedom of access laws can appropriately address the use of communication technologies, both existing and those to be developed in the future, to ensure that decisions are made in proceedings that are open and accessible to the public;
2. If penalties for violations of the freedom of access laws should be revised, including consideration of criminalizing violations and making the individual who violates the laws responsible for the penalty, rather than the governmental entity; and
3. If partisan party caucuses should be specifically excluded from the definition of "public proceedings."

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 172

H.P. 1254 - L.D. 1763

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation To Place Signs at the Interstate Exits in Pittsfield Directing Motorists to Maine Central Institute

Preamble. Whereas, Maine Central Institute is a college preparatory boarding and day school located in the Town of Pittsfield; and

Whereas, Maine Central Institute's student body currently represents 16 countries and 12 states; and

Whereas, Maine Central Institute is located 3 miles from Interstate 95, and increased visibility on the Interstate 95 corridor is critical to the ability of the public, as well as those members of the student body who are unfamiliar with the State, to identify and locate Maine Central Institute; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Signs placed for Maine Central Institute. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation, notwithstanding national guidelines relating to directional signs for highways, shall place directional signs on Interstate 95 at the northbound and southbound exits of the highway at Pittsfield to direct motorists to Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, and Maine Central Institute shall assume any and all costs associated with the directional signs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 173

H.P. 1225 - L.D. 1726

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 28: Notification Provisions for Outdoor Pesticide Applications, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, Board of Pesticides Control

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