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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**2010**

**CHAPTER 202  
H.P. 1306 - L.D. 1823**

**Resolve, To Review and  
Update the  
Telecommunications  
Taxation Laws**

**Sec. 1. Convene working group. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall convene a working group to review the telecommunications personal property tax and other forms of taxation of telecommunications providers in this State and make recommendations for updating the telecommunications taxation laws. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall invite the participation of the Maine Municipal Association and other interested stakeholders representing the telecommunications industry including the incumbent local exchange carriers, newer competitive phone services without significant personal property in the State, including wireless carriers, and the cable industry; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the working group under section 1 shall review options for updating the telecommunications taxation laws that are revenue neutral for the State and provide for the equitable tax treatment of telecommunications providers. The options must include, but are not limited to, options that replace the personal property tax on telecommunications personal property with a sales tax or a gross receipts tax. The working group shall review the financial and administrative impact on state and local government as well as the impact on consumers. The working group shall make recommendations for changes to the telecommunications taxation laws based on this review; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Report recommendations. Resolved:** That, by January 17, 2011, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters findings and recommendations for updating the telecommunications taxation laws under section 2, including any necessary implementing legislation.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 203  
H.P. 1090 - L.D. 1548**

**Resolve, To Prevent the Spread  
of Invasive Plants and Protect  
Maine's Lakes**

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

**Whereas,** it is essential that the efforts to prevent the spread of invasive plants in Maine's lakes proposed in this resolve be initiated before the start of the spring boating season; 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. Review of lakes within the State infested with aquatic invasive plant species. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall collaborate to review all lakes individually in the State with known infestations of aquatic invasive plant species to determine:

1. The type, extent and location of each infestation and its proximity to boat access points;
2. The general uses of the body of water;
3. The extent of involvement by local courtesy boat inspectors and lake associations regarding the prevention and control of aquatic invasive plant species; and
4. The use of existing surface water management strategies.

The departments shall collaborate with lake associations and user groups to identify private boat ramps on lakes infested with aquatic invasive plant species. For purposes of this section, "boat access point" includes but is not limited to public boat ramps, carry-in sites, lake access provided by sporting camps and private boat ramps and access areas; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Surface water extraction information and review. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection shall collect data on the types and extent of surface water extraction and review surface water extraction activities to determine in each case if an informational letter to the extractor regarding the spread of aquatic invasive plant species is necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of an aquatic invasive plant species through the surface water extraction process; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Educational and outreach efforts. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall work cooperatively to increase the effectiveness of educational and outreach efforts regarding aquatic invasive plant species through methods that may include but are not limited to: