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7. Potential competitive or collaborative opportunities with North America's largest producer, Quebec, Canada; and

8. Investments or actions that could be taken by the State that would produce a tangible economic return.

In conducting its examination, the task force shall review models that have been successfully employed to promote other Maine food product industries, including marine products and agricultural products such as potatoes and blueberries; and be it further

Sec. 4. Meetings. Resolved: That the chair, in consultation with the commissioner, shall schedule meetings of the task force as necessary to complete the task force's assigned duties. The commissioner shall notify members of the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and other Legislators with a known interest in the maple sugar industry of all meetings of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 5. Staffing and funding. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall provide staff support to the task force from existing resources. The commissioner may use contributions of money, services and supplies accepted under existing authority to support the work of the task force; and be it further

Sec. 6. Agency cooperation. Resolved: That the commissioner, the Commissioner of Conservation, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine shall each designate a representative from their respective agencies to serve as a resource to the task force, respond to information requests and attend task force meetings upon request; and be it further

Sec. 7. Final report. Resolved: That, no later than December 7, 2011, the commissioner shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations of the task force, including suggested legislation to implement the recommendations, for presentation to Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and be it further

Sec. 8. Authority to submit legislation. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit a bill pertaining to the Maine maple sugar industry to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

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

Effective May 25, 2011.

CHAPTER 49 H.P. 20 - L.D. 28

Resolve, To Improve Access to Employment Opportunities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autistic Disorders

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 Department of Health and Human Services amended the MaineCare Benefits Manual to limit the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location; and

Whereas, that amendment took effect July 1, 2010; and

Whereas, persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders have been limited as to where they may work since July 1, 2010; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this resolve take effect immediately so that persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders may return to work as soon as possible; 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. MaineCare Benefits Manual. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8054 regarding findings of an agency, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend on an emergency basis the MaineCare Benefits Manual to remove the language that restricts the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location to 50% of a business's workforce at that work site or location. Following the expiration of the emergency period specified in Title 5, section 8054, subsection 3, the department shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement the provisions of this section.

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

Effective May 25, 2011.