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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
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**CHAPTER 114
H.P. 1127 - L.D. 1535**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Administrative
and Financial Services, Bureau
of Revenue Services To
Develop a Pilot Project for a
Tax Simulation Model for State
Dynamic Fiscal Analysis**

Sec. 1. Undertake pilot project to develop and evaluate a tax simulation model for state dynamic fiscal analysis. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," shall undertake a pilot project to develop and evaluate a tax simulation model for state dynamic fiscal analysis, which is analysis to estimate the effect a change in the tax laws would have on state revenue as well as the fiscal impact of the changes in taxpayer behavior and overall economic activity that may occur due to the tax law change. The bureau may enter into a memorandum of understanding with the University of Maine to develop and evaluate the pilot project model for state dynamic fiscal analysis. The bureau may disclose information otherwise protected under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 191 to specific University of Maine staff members and students identified in the memorandum of understanding for the purpose of developing and evaluating the pilot project model for state dynamic fiscal analysis; and be it further

Sec. 2. Recommendations and report. Resolved: That, no later than November 15, 2012, the bureau and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall each evaluate the completed pilot project model and submit a joint report that includes the findings of the evaluation and provides recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation. The report must include justification for the recommendations of continued use or development of the pilot project model, or of acquisition of other existing models for state dynamic fiscal analysis, and the estimated costs, timeline for implementation and description of the functional capabilities of any such model and of its development or acquisition. The report may include

suggested legislation to implement the recommendations.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115
S.P. 525 - L.D. 1615**

**Resolve, To Name 2 Bridges in
the Town of Harmony**

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 important to honor Amy, Coty and Monica Lake and to keep the memory of this young family alive through the naming of 2 bridges in the Town of Harmony; and

Whereas, the Legislature stands in strong opposition to domestic violence and supports all efforts to put an end to domestic violence; and

Whereas, the naming of the 2 bridges also serves as a tribute to all victims of domestic violence; and

Whereas, it is important to ensure that signs on the named bridges be in place immediately to raise awareness regarding domestic violence and its impact on individuals, communities and the State 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 legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Bridge on State Route 150 named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5846 on State Route 150 known as Higgins Stream Bridge that crosses Higgins Stream in the Town of Harmony the Amy, Coty and Monica Bridge; and be it further

Sec. 2. Bridge on State Route 154 named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5126 on State Route 154 that crosses the Sebasticook River at Mainstream in the Town of Harmony the Remember Me Bridge.

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

Effective February 21, 2012.

CHAPTER 116

S.P. 206 - L.D. 675

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Study Multidistrict Online Learning Options in Maine

Sec. 1. Department of Education to create working group. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall create a working group to study the opportunities and challenges presented by establishing multidistrict online learning options for students enrolled in kindergarten to grade 12 public schools in the State. The working group shall evaluate the implementation of existing online learning programs in the State and in other jurisdictions, including programs featuring a blended learning approach that combines face-to-face classroom methods with computer-mediated activities to form an integrated instructional approach. The working group shall also consider online learning options that are learner-centered, that focus on content that is consistent with state learning standards under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 and that provide equitable educational opportunity for all students; and be it further

Sec. 2. Working group; report. Resolved: That the working group under section 1 must include teachers, administrators, parents, information technology specialists and other persons, groups or entities that have an interest in online learning. The Commissioner of Education shall invite to serve as members of the working group representatives of the following educational associations who are appointed by their respective associations:

1. The Maine Education Association;
2. The Maine Principals' Association;
3. The Maine School Boards Association;
4. The Maine School Superintendents Association;
5. The Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine;
6. The Maine Parent Teacher Association; and
7. The Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities.

By January 4, 2013, the Department of Education shall report the findings of the working group along with any suggested legislation to the joint standing

committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs may submit a bill regarding the subject of the report to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved: That the costs to the Department of Education to create the working group and to conduct the study required pursuant to section 1 must be absorbed within existing budgeted resources and through the use of federal and private funds received by the department to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 117

H.P. 1198 - L.D. 1593

Resolve, To Name Route 1-A between Brewer and Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway

Sec. 1. Name United States Route 1-A the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall name the portion of United States Route 1-A that runs between the City of Brewer and the City of Ellsworth the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, to honor all United States Armed Forces veterans of the Korean War; and be it further

Sec. 2. Signs erected. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate signs along the portion of United States Route 1-A between the City of Brewer and the City of Ellsworth to identify that portion as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 118

H.P. 1281 - L.D. 1734

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 41: Special Restrictions on Pesticide Use, 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