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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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**CHAPTER 127
S.P. 625 - L.D. 1807**

Resolve, Directing the Maine Turnpike Authority To Place Signs on Interstate 95 Directing Motorists to the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale

Sec. 1. Signs placed for the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Resolved: That the Maine Turnpike Authority, notwithstanding federal guidelines relating to directional signs for highways, shall place signs directing motorists to the Southern Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Springvale on the portion of Interstate 95 designated as the Maine Turnpike on the northbound and southbound lanes of the highway.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 128
H.P. 1316 - L.D. 1791**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 815: Consumer Protection Standards for Electric and Gas Transmission and Distribution Utilities, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

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

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 815: Consumer Protection Standards for Electric and Gas Transmission and Distribution Utilities, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission 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 16, 2012.

**CHAPTER 129
H.P. 1292 - L.D. 1751**

Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor To Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks, in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before April 1, 2013.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in