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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

Effective March 20, 2013.

CHAPTER 3
S.P. 431 - L.D. 1237

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Corrections To
Amend Its Rules Pertaining to
Certification of Batterer
Intervention Programs**

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 Corrections, acting pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 4014, has adopted rules establishing standards and procedures for certification of batterer intervention programs; and

Whereas, in the process of sentencing persons convicted of crimes of domestic violence, courts may order those offenders to attend batterer intervention programs that the Department of Corrections has certified; and

Whereas, a recent decision of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court in the case of State v. Mosher, 2012 ME 133, has cast doubt on the validity of the Department of Correction's current rules for certification of batterer intervention programs because the current rules appear to limit certification to those programs serving male domestic violence offenders; 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 of emergency rules. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, section 4014, the Department of Corrections shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to Title 5, section 8054 to amend the current rules to make them gender neutral so that batterer intervention programs that serve female domestic violence offenders may be certified, and courts may be provided the opportunity to order female offenders convicted of crimes of domestic violence to participate in certified batterer intervention programs. Following adoption of the emergency rules, the Department of Corrections shall initiate nonemergency rulemaking on certified batterer intervention programs pursuant to Title 5,

chapter 375. Notwithstanding Title 19-A, section 4014, all rules or amendments to rules on the subject of the certification of batterer intervention programs, regardless of which gender a program serves, are considered routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, section 8071.

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

Effective April 4, 2013.

CHAPTER 4
S.P. 151 - L.D. 371

**Resolve, Regarding Revenue
from the World Acadian
Congress Commemorative
Registration Plate**

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

Whereas, Resolve 2011, chapter 156 authorized the Secretary of State to issue a commemorative, simulated registration plate in recognition and celebration of the 2014 World Acadian Congress; and

Whereas, pursuant to Resolve 2011, chapter 156, \$16 of the \$25 fee is incorrectly designated for the benefit of the Maine Acadian Heritage Council; and

Whereas, the fiscal agent for the Maine Acadian Heritage Council is the World Acadian Congress; and

Whereas, the plates have been available for sale since December 2012; 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. Resolve 2011, c. 156, §2, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2011, c. 156, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Administrative fee; distribution. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall develop a plan for the sale and distribution of World Acadian Congress commemorative plates. The fee for the World Acadian Congress commemorative plate is \$25, which must be ~~deposited in a special fund and transferred quarterly by the Treasurer of State~~ paid as follows: