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# **LAWS**

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# STATE OF MAINE

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## CHAPTER 13 H.P. 201 - L.D. 292

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Develop a Plan for the Protection of the Public Health from Mosquito-borne Diseases

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to develop a plan for the protection of the public health from mosquito-borne diseases. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is directed to develop, within existing resources, a plan for the protection of the public health from mosquitoborne diseases, in cooperation with appropriate personnel from the Department of Health and Human Services and with other state agencies as may be necessary. In developing this plan, the department shall consider, at a minimum, the ecological and economic impacts of proposed methods of controlling mosquitoes and preventing their breeding. These proposed methods must include integrated pest management techniques and other science-based technology that minimizes the risks of pesticide use to humans and the environment. The department shall include in the plan the criteria for declaring a mosquito-borne disease public health threat, the elements of a response to such a threat and a description of the lines of authority and responsibilities during a public health threat; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall report on its plan for protecting the public health from mosquito-borne diseases to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by December 15, 2013. The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may report out a bill on the plan for the protection of the public health from mosquito-borne diseases to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

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## CHAPTER 14 H.P. 282 - L.D. 407

#### Resolve, Relating to Guide Signs on Highways

Sec. 1. Policy and specifications relating to guide signs on all roads open to public travel. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation, referred to in this resolve as "the department," and the Maine Turnpike Authority, referred to in this resolve

as "the authority," shall develop a proposed policy and specifications relating to guide signs that will be consistent with the national standard for installing traffic control devices, including guide signs, on all roads open to public travel. For the purposes of this resolve, the national standards for installing traffic control devices, including guide signs, are in the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration's Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and are developed by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; and be it further

- **Sec. 2. Participants. Resolved:** That the department and the authority may invite interested parties to participate in the development of the proposed policy and specifications under section 1 as needed; and be it further
- **Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That, after the update to the national standards for guide signs during the summer of 2013, the department and the authority shall examine the new national standards and develop recommendations to do one of the following:
- 1. Adopt the revised 2013 national standards, including any subsequent amendments, as the standard for all traffic control devices, including guide signs, in the State:
- 2. Adopt the national standards, including any subsequent amendments, for all traffic control devices, including guide signs, with a state supplement that is in substantial conformance with the revised 2013 national standards; or
- 3. Adopt a state manual on uniform traffic control devices, including guide signs, that is in substantial conformance with the revised 2013 national standards, including any subsequent amendments; and be it further
- **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by January 15, 2014, the department and the authority shall separately or jointly submit a written report of the findings under this resolve and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

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