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CHAPTER 29
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**Resolve, Authorizing Certain
Land Transactions by the
Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry,
Bureau of Parks and Lands**

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands or interests in lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6209 and Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain interests in lands in Aroostook County in exchange for other interests or properties.

Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant, for negotiated value, and on such other terms and conditions as the director may direct, convey or release all interests held by the bureau in the following properties to Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. and Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company in exchange for conveyance of property or interests in properties or other consideration of equivalent value from Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. and Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company.

1. The property interests to be conveyed by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, by and through the Bureau of Parks and Lands, to Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. and to Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company on behalf of other minority interests are all of the State's minority common and undivided interest in forested acres without flowage easements in T.10 R.4 SE/4, which is approximately 1,329 equivalent acres.

2. The property interests to be conveyed by Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. and Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company on behalf of other minority interests to the State by and through the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands are:

A. All of Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc.'s common and undivided interests in forested acres without flowage easements in T.10 R.4 SE/4 north of Scopan Lake and all of the remaining minority common and undivided interests in forested acres without flowage easements in T.10 R.4 SE/4 north of Scopan Lake by and through Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company, which is together approximately 16 equivalent acres;

B. All of Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc.'s minority common and undivided interests in forested acres without flowage easements in T.10 R.4 NE/4 by and through Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company, which is approximately 309 equivalent acres;

C. All of the minority common and undivided interests in T.11 R.4 E/2 by and through Prentiss and Carlisle Management Company, which is together approximately 254 equivalent acres; and

D. All or a portion of Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc.'s interests in T.13 R.5, T.13 R.13 and T.12 R.13, or other parcels or other consideration from Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. as may be needed in combination with the foregoing to be of equivalent value, as determined by the director, to the conveyance of the State to Prentiss and Carlisle Company, Inc. in T.10 R.4 SE/4 as described in subsection 1; and be it further

Sec. 2. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain interests in land in Aroostook County in exchange for other interests or properties.

Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant and on such other terms and conditions as the director may direct, convey to Smith's Farm, Inc. a certain parcel of land, situated in the Town of Westfield, on the Southern Bangor and Aroostook Rail Trail, being an average width of 119 feet and an approximate length of 2,000 feet, or about 5.47 acres, in exchange for a certain parcel of land located on Smith's Farm, Inc. property between the existing rail trail and the Prestile Stream, being an average width of 99 feet and an approximate length of 2,400 feet, or 5.47 acres; and be it further

Sec. 3. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain interests in land in Washington County in exchange for other interests or properties.

Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant, for exchange of land or interests in land of comparable value as determined by an appraiser and on such other terms and conditions as the director may direct, convey to Cherryfield Foods, Inc. a certain par-

cel in T.24 MD BPP, being 320 acres more or less, in exchange for 320 acres more or less of land of comparable value in T.24 MD BPP; and be it further

Sec. 4. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain interests in land in Oxford County in exchange for other interests or properties. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant, for exchange of land of comparable value and such other terms and conditions as the director may direct, convey to Six Rivers Limited Partnership a parcel of land of approximately 0.4 acre abutting Six Rivers Limited Partnership lands on Aziscohos Lake in Lincoln Plantation, in exchange for approximately 3.5 acres on the South Arm Road in Township C with access to Lower Richardson Lake, presently used as a boat launch; and be it further

Sec. 5. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain interests in land in Aroostook County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may convey the bureau's minority interest to the majority owners of 2 2-acre camp lot parcels on Scopan Lake, more specifically:

1. To convey by quitclaim deed without covenant the bureau's 28.817% interest in a certain 2-acre parcel, for fair market value, to Robert W. Sawyer, of Ashland, acting on behalf of majority owners Robert W. Sawyer V and Sawyer Family Limited Partnership, together owners of 71.183%; and

2. To convey by quitclaim deed without covenant the bureau's 28.817% interest in a certain 2-acre parcel, for fair market value, to Jacque Morneau, of Mapleton, majority owner of 71.183%; and be it further

Sec. 6. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey Halfway Rock Island in Casco Bay, Cumberland County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may convey, for fair market value and on such other terms and conditions as the director may direct, Halfway Rock Island in Casco Bay in the Town of Chebeague Island, being approximately 1.5 acres, to the United States General Services Administration or its assignee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 30 S.P. 242 - L.D. 649

Resolve, To Ensure That MaineCare-eligible Children Have Equal Access to Providers of Dental, Hearing and Vision Services

Sec. 1. Development of comprehensive strategy. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall develop a comprehensive strategy to address inequality in access to providers of dental, hearing and vision services for children 17 years of age and under who are eligible for MaineCare and to ensure that children eligible for MaineCare have the same access to these services as have children who have health insurance coverage through the private market. As part of the development of the comprehensive strategy required by this section, the department shall identify:

1. By geographic area and type of service, the level and scope of disparity in access;
2. Impediments to access;
3. Options for equalizing access, including changes to reimbursement, administrative processes, education and outreach; and
4. Potential pilot projects in underserved geographic areas; and be it further

Sec. 2. Stakeholder input. Resolved: That, in developing the comprehensive strategy required in section 1, the department shall actively seek input from a broad range of interested parties, including, but not limited to, parents and caregivers; providers of dental, hearing and vision services; pediatric and family health care practitioners; representatives of the child advocacy community; and the statewide associations representing physicians, osteopathic physicians, hospitals, federally qualified health centers, audiologists, dentists, optometrists and eye physicians and surgeons; and be it further

Sec. 3. Recommendations. Resolved: That the department shall submit the comprehensive strategy developed pursuant to section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2016. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature based on the comprehensive strategy submitted by the department.

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