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See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 42

S.P. 546 - L.D. 1445

Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for an Offshore Wind Energy Demonstration Project

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 Treasurer of State may not sell the remaining \$6,085,000 in bonds authorized but not yet issued from the \$26,500,000 offshore wind energy demonstration site and related manufacturing bond issue authorized by the voters in June 2010 unless the Legislature reauthorizes the issuance of those bonds; and

Whereas, the University of Maine requires this \$6,085,000 in bonds to complete construction of its offshore wind energy demonstration project; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for the construction to be completed on schedule; 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. Extension for issuing. Resolved: That, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, the period for issuance of bonds or of bond anticipation notes authorized but unissued pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 414, as amended by Public Law 2009, chapter 645, and authorized by the voters in a statewide election held on June 8, 2010, in order to complete construction of the offshore wind energy demonstration site already under construction at the University of Maine, is further extended for a 5-year period.

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

Effective July 1, 2015.

CHAPTER 43

S.P. 98 - L.D. 260

Resolve, To Create a License Plate To Recognize the Centennial of the United States Navy Reserve

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 federal Naval Appropriations Act of 1916, dated March 3, 1915, established a United States Naval Reserve, and March 3, 2015 marks the centennial celebration of what is now called the United States Navy Reserve; and

Whereas, this legislation honors and recognizes this important anniversary and the men and women who serve and have served in the United States Navy Reserve; and

Whereas, the anniversary date of the United States Navy Reserve is prior to the effective date of nonemergency legislation; 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. Navy Reserve centennial plate. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 454, the Secretary of State shall issue, at no cost to the Secretary of State, a reflectorized, commemorative, simulated registration plate in recognition and celebration of the centennial of the United States Navy Reserve on March 3, 2015. The Secretary of State shall design the plate in consultation with the United States Navy Reserve, and the plate must bear the date of its expiration, which is March 3, 2016. The United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate may be displayed by covering, but not removing, the front registration plate on a motor vehicle, including a motor vehicle registered outside this State and operated within it, until March 3, 2016. A truck tractor as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 90 may not display the plate under this section; and be it further

Sec. 2. Administrative fee; distribution. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall develop a plan for the sale and distribution of the United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate under section 1. The fee for the United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate is \$15, which must be distributed as follows:

1. Five dollars per plate to the Secretary of State for the costs associated with production and issuance of the plates; and

2. Ten dollars per plate to the Maine Military Family Relief Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 158; and be it further

Sec. 3. Other uses prohibited. Resolved: That a United States Navy Reserve centennial commemorative plate may not be sold or displayed except as provided in this resolve; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077**

Initiative: Provides funding for materials to manufacture 1,800 special commemorative license plates celebrating the United States Navy Reserve centennial.

HIGHWAY FUND	2015-16
All Other	\$4,000
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HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$4,000

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

Effective July 4, 2015.

CHAPTER 44

H.P. 113 - L.D. 155

**Resolve, To Establish the
Commission To Study
Difficult-to-place Patients**

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

Whereas, this resolve establishes the Commission To Study Difficult-to-place Patients to study certain issues related to difficult-to-place patients with complex medical conditions and the feasibility of making policy changes to the long-term care system for those patients; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to provide the commission adequate time to complete its work; 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. Commission established. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Commission To Study Difficult-to-place Patients, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and

4. Seven members appointed by the Governor who possess expertise in the subject matter of the study, as follows:

A. The director of the long-term care ombudsman program described under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, subsection 11-C;

B. An individual representing a statewide association of long-term care facilities;

C. An individual representing a statewide association of hospitals;

D. An individual representing an organization that represents people with disabilities;

E. An individual representing a statewide organization advocating for people with mental illness;

F. An individual representing an organization promoting independent living for individuals with disabilities; and

G. An individual or a family member of an individual with a complex medical condition; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs; subcommittees. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission. The chairs of the commission are authorized to establish subcommittees to work on the duties listed in section 5 and to assist the commission. Any subcommittees established by the chairs must be composed of members of the commission and interested persons who are not members of the commission and who volunteer to serve on the subcommittees without reimbursement.