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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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communicate with veterans and military retirees regarding attending colleges in the State and to better attract veterans and military retirees to live and work in the State;

6. Study how the State can encourage partnerships with businesses, industry groups and nonprofit organizations to improve veterans' employment, career and volunteer opportunities;

7. Make recommendations to the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management concerning practices or rules regarding services and programs for veterans;

8. Work with the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to develop a multi-year plan that identifies priorities and suggests initiatives to strengthen and align services provided to veterans in the State;

9. Make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs concerning changes to services and programs for veterans; and

10. Study other critical veterans' issues that arise as agreed upon by the commission; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission as approved by the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2016, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. The Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature based upon the report.

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

Effective July 12, 2015.

CHAPTER 49

H.P. 339 - L.D. 500

Resolve, To Create a Working Group To Develop Solutions To Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel

Sec. 1. Municipal Volunteer Working Group established. Resolved: That the Municipal Volunteer Working Group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," is established; and be it further

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That the working group consists of 7 members appointed as follows:

1. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom is from the party with the greatest number of members and one of whom is from the party with the 2nd greatest number of members;

3. One representative from the Maine State Federation of Firefighters, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One volunteer firefighter or emergency responder who may be active or nonactive, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5. One chief of a volunteer fire department, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

6. One representative from the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the working group; and be it further

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the working group to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

Sec. 5. Meetings; duties. Resolved: That the working group shall meet 3 times in order to find solutions to the recruitment, training and retention problems facing volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical services providers in Maine.

The working group shall solicit input from municipalities with volunteer fire departments and volunteer emergency medical services, volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical services providers and members of the public. The working group shall identify the reasons for recruitment, training and retention problems and recommend solutions; and be it further

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 2, 2015, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The committee may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 50

H.P. 920 - L.D. 1350

Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs

Sec. 1. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules to increase reimbursement rates for home-based and community-based services in accordance with this section. The department shall raise the hourly reimbursement rate for the following services:

1. Attendant Care Services provided under the provisions of Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Consumer Directed Attendant Services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the reimbursement rates for Attendant Care Services provided under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 12, Consumer Directed Attendant Services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$208,067	\$209,851

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$208,067	\$209,851
FUND TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 51

S.P. 99 - L.D. 261

Resolve, Directing the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission To Study the Replacement of Statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection

Sec. 1. Maine Arts Commission, Maine Historic Preservation Commission and Maine State Museum Commission to study replacement of statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection. Resolved: That the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission and the Maine State Museum Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the cultural commissions," shall study and develop recommendations regarding the potential replacement of one or both statues currently in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol, including the following:

1. The public's interest in replacing one or both statues contributed by Maine currently in the National Statuary Hall Collection;
2. The public's interest in installing the statue of Governor William King, which is currently in the National Statuary Hall, in the Maine State House for Maine's bicentennial in 2020;
3. The public's interest in reinstalling the statue of Governor William King in the National Statuary Hall after Maine's bicentennial if the statue is installed in the Maine State House for Maine's bicentennial;
4. The necessary procedures for accomplishing the replacement of the statues in the National Statuary Hall;
5. The necessary procedures for accomplishing installation of the statue of Governor William King in the Maine State House and reinstallation of the statue in the National Statuary Hall after Maine's bicentennial; and
6. The feasibility of accomplishing the tasks recommended by the cultural commissions study as a result of this resolve, including potential costs and sources of outside funding.