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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

**Whereas**, the Department of Health and Human Services must begin a review of child welfare case loads immediately; 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. Department of Health and Human Services to review case load standards. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review case load standards for child welfare caseworkers and develop standard case load recommendations with input from child welfare caseworkers and the Public Consulting Group contracted by the department under contract number CBH-19-9000. The department shall submit an initial report with its findings and recommendations on staffing in the department's child welfare program in relation to the standard case load recommendations no later than October 1, 2019 and subsequent annual reports by January 31st of each year beginning in 2020 and ending in 2030 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint legislative committee established to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters.

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

Effective May 21, 2019.

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**CHAPTER 35**

**H.P. 836 - L.D. 1147**

**Resolve, To Direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Study Registration Fees for All-terrain Vehicles and Snowmobiles**

**Sec. 1. Registration fees for all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall, in consultation with interested parties, review the registration fees in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 13104, subsection 4 and section 13155, subsection 5 to determine if there are alternatives to the current fee structure. In considering alternatives, the commissioner shall also consider how any change may affect revenues. The commissioner shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by February 1, 2020 detailing the alternatives that were considered and the possible ef-

fects on revenue that these alternatives may have. The report must include recommendations regarding registration fees for all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles and a list of interested parties that participated in any discussions on this topic. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature based on the report.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 36**

**H.P. 515 - L.D. 710**

**Resolve, To Require the Department of Environmental Protection To Study the Establishment of a Product Stewardship Program for Mattresses**

**Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection to study the establishment of a product stewardship program for mattresses. Resolved:** That the Department of Environmental Protection, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall study the establishment of a new stewardship program in the State for mattresses, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 18.

**Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved:** That the department shall report the findings of its study in section 1, including recommendations and recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources by December 4, 2019. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the subject matter of this report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 37**

**H.P. 746 - L.D. 1004**

**Resolve, To Direct the Department of Administrative and Financial Services To Study the Costs and Benefits of Telework to the State and Its Employees**

**Preamble. Whereas**, the Legislature finds that permitting state employees to telework is likely to reduce carbon emissions in the State by eliminating or substantially reducing the physical commutes to and from state employees' usual work sites; and