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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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generators, developers of new renewable energy resources and the environment;

3. Opportunities for regional coordination to advance transmission solutions to support new renewable energy resource development in the State, including deployment of new renewable energy resources capable of providing system reliability benefits to the State and the region, with consideration of publicly available data and studies available from ISO New England, Inc.; and

4. Potential funding sources and strategies, including bonding and public-private partnerships, for renewable energy development.

The office shall invite to participate in the stakeholder group, at a minimum, a representative of: the Public Utilities Commission; the Office of the Public Advocate; ISO New England, Inc.; investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities; consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities; a statewide renewable energy association; a statewide environmental organization; a statewide construction industry trade association; community-scale renewable energy developers; grid-scale renewable energy developers; existing renewable energy resource generators; large industrial electricity consumers; and low-income electricity consumers.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 15, 2019, the Governor's Energy Office shall provide a report on the work of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The report must include the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group regarding the issues listed in section 1 and identify changes to law necessary to implement the recommendations. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature related to the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 58

H.P. 1310 - L.D. 1840

**Resolve, To Continue until
August 3, 2019 Limited-period
Positions Expiring in June 2019**

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

Whereas, certain positions in State Government are scheduled to expire prior to July 1, 2019, which is prior to the end of the 90-day period; 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. Continuation of limited-period positions. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all limited-period positions throughout State Government that are scheduled to expire during June 2019 are continued until August 3, 2019.

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

Effective June 7, 2019.

CHAPTER 59

S.P. 531 - L.D. 1641

**Resolve, To Examine Issues
Relating to the School
Transportation Workforce**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, shall comprehensively examine issues associated with the school transportation workforce, including, but not limited to, determining the best strategies for hiring, training and retaining school transportation personnel. The Department of Education shall consider ways to conduct training at no cost to the school transportation personnel. By January 1, 2020, the department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. Each committee may report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60

H.P. 441 - L.D. 613

**Resolve, Concerning the
Adoption of Rules To Carry
Out the Purpose of the
Bridging Rental Assistance
Program**

Sec. 1. Adoption of rules. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to the