

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 5, 2018 to June 20, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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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**

Map WA032, Plan 2, Lot 1 298110081-2

Dinsmore, David 6.78 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2016	\$74.52
2017	\$77.22
2018	\$79.72
2019 (estimated)	\$79.72
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Estimated Total	\$311.18
Taxes	
Interest	\$11.42
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
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Total	\$379.60

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$379.60. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$400.00.

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CHAPTER 69
S.P. 117 - L.D. 439

Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Health and Human Services To Convene a Task Force To Study the Need for Long-term Acute Care Beds

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene task force. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall convene a task force of stakeholders to evaluate the need for long-term acute care beds in the State.

Sec. 2. Task force duties. Resolved: That the evaluation by the task force convened under section 1 must include:

- 1. An estimate of the patient population in the State needing services provided by long-term acute care hospitals and where that patient population is receiving care now;

- 2. An analysis of the financial impact of the lack of long-term acute care beds on patients, families and facilities in the State;

- 3. An evaluation of the best locations in the State for long-term acute care beds; and

- 4. An evaluation of the options available regarding the number of long-term acute care beds in the State, including an estimate of the costs to establish a long-term acute care hospital in the State and designating existing beds as long-term acute care beds.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report the findings and conclusions of the task force under section 2, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 2, 2020. The joint standing committee is authorized to submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 70
H.P. 233 - L.D. 309

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Direct a Study of the Regional Adjustment for School Administrative Units

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 directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, to study the regional adjustment for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; 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. Study of the regional adjustment for school administrative units. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall direct the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in the institute's review of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, to study and report to the department on

the regional adjustment for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. The study must include an update of the data that is used to calculate the regional adjustment to reflect the current economic environment and must include an analysis of how any adjustment to, or removal of, the regional adjustment in the funding formula would affect all school administrative units. The department shall submit the report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

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

Effective June 17, 2019.

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## CHAPTER 71

### H.P. 1275 - L.D. 1796

#### Resolve, To Study Transmission Grid Reliability and Rate Stability in Northern Maine

**Sec. 1. Convene stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Governor's Energy Office shall convene a stakeholder group to identify and develop strategies to address the transmission grid reliability and electric rate stability for the northern Maine service territory. The stakeholder group must consist of representatives of:

1. The Governor's Energy Office;
2. The Public Utilities Commission;
3. The Office of the Public Advocate;
4. The Northern Maine Independent System Administrator;
5. A municipal government in northern Maine;
6. A large industrial electric utility customer located in northern Maine;
7. A trade association representing businesses located in northern Maine;
8. A trade association representing the forest products industry;
9. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility serving northern Maine;
10. Two different consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities located in northern Maine; and

11. An energy generator located in northern Maine.

**Sec. 2. Review and recommendations. Resolved:** That, in its review of transmission grid reliability and electric rate stability for the northern Maine service territory, the stakeholder group convened pursuant to section 1 shall, at minimum, address and develop recommendations concerning:

1. The continued need to assess reliability in the northern Maine service territory;
2. The shutdown of biomass plants in the region, such as those in Fort Fairfield and Ashland, that have in the past been essential to addressing reliability concerns;
3. The region's fuel security, competitive supply and rate volatility resulting from its reliance on generation resources in the region; and
4. Opportunities for transmission and nontransmission alternatives to address the current and projected reliability and rate stability needs of the region.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than March 1, 2020, the stakeholder group shall submit to the Governor's Energy Office a report establishing the scope and priority of transmission grid reliability and electric rate stability issues for the northern Maine service territory, together with recommendations. The report must address the concerns identified in section 2 and recommend strategies that respond to those issues, including any recommended changes to the law or to the rules of the Public Utilities Commission. The Governor's Energy Office shall submit the report, together with any proposed implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. Upon receipt and review of the report, the joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 72

### S.P. 559 - L.D. 1694

#### Resolve, To Determine Compliance with Federal and State Mental Health Parity Laws

**Sec. 1. Determination of compliance with federal and state mental health parity laws. Resolved:** That the Superintendent of Insurance shall determine the compliance of health insurance carriers in this State with the federal Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24,