

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**August 26, 2019**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

**January 8, 2020 to March 17, 2020**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION  
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS  
NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS  
JUNE 16, 2020**

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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  
2020**

to adequately consider the issues before providing a recommendation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation; and

**Whereas,** this legislation establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems; and

**Whereas,** it is necessary to immediately continue the work started by the previous commission in order that a recommendation may be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and be acted upon before the end of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature; 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 the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the 15 members and chairs appointed to the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems, established pursuant to Resolve 2019, chapter 97 and referred to in this resolve as "the previous commission," serve as the members and chairs of the commission.

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall continue the work of the previous commission to study how to reform and adequately supplement funding for the State's transportation infrastructure to promote equity, sustainability and predictability so that the State can responsibly provide safe and reliable state transportation systems. The commission shall continue to focus on funding the state highway and bridge system and shall also develop findings or recommendations on the need and potential funding solutions for multimodal transportation infrastructure. Specific study topics may include, but are not limited to, those listed in Resolve 2019, chapter 97, section 5.

The commission shall meet up to 4 times over the course of the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature and may hold public hearings and review recommendations from the people of the State and qualified experts when appropriate. The chairs may also provide the opportunity for knowledgeable stakeholders to submit written comments throughout the study process and to provide oral testimony on the commission's draft recommendations.

**Sec. 4. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission, and the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide drafting assistance for any legislation proposed by the commission.

**Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than March 5, 2020, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may submit legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LEGISLATURE**

**Study Commissions - Funding 0444**

Initiative: Allocates funds on a one-time basis for the costs to the Legislature of Legislators participating in the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission To Continue Studying and Recommend Funding Solutions for the State's Transportation Systems.

<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$1,960	\$0
<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,960</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

Effective January 21, 2020.

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**CHAPTER 113**

**H.P. 937 - L.D. 1294**

**Resolve, Directing the Maine Human Rights Commission To Implement a Pilot Program To Investigate and Report on Incidents of Harassment Due to Housing Status, Lack of Employment and Other Issues**

**Sec. 1. Maine Human Rights Commission pilot program to investigate and report on incidents and complaints of harassment due to housing status, lack of employment and other issues. Resolved:** That the Maine Human Rights Commission shall, within budgeted resources, implement a 2-year pilot program to receive, review and investigate incidents and complaints of harassment due to a person's lack of employment or housing status and other reports of interference with a person's access to public accommodations.

In carrying out the pilot program, the commission shall investigate and respond to incidents and complaints of harassment as set out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 4611 and 4612. The commission may use any of its powers under Title 5, section 4566 to carry out the pilot program. The commission may limit the scope of the pilot program in the interest of efficiency.

The commission shall produce an interim report for submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by September 15, 2021. The commission shall produce a final report for submission to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by September 15, 2022. Either report may contain recommendations on changes to the pilot program or for its continuation as well as suggested legislation to carry out any of the recommendations.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 114**

**H.P. 190 - L.D. 227**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the State’s Public Health Infrastructure**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review the State’s public health infrastructure. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall use a process that includes stakeholder participation and feedback, including from the Maine Public Health Association, to review the State’s public health infrastructure and develop recommendations to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall present the findings and recommendations based on the review pursuant to section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115**

**H.P. 1338 - L.D. 1872**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 12: Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy**

**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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 12: Licensure of Manufacturers and Wholesalers, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine Board of Pharmacy that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective March 9, 2020.