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#### **CHAPTER 14**

### H.P. 1116 - L.D. 1506

#### Resolve, To Continue until July 1, 2021 Limited-period Positions Expiring in June 2021

**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, 2021, 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 2021 are continued until July 1, 2021.

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

Effective May 5, 2021.

#### **CHAPTER 15**

#### S.P. 81 - L.D. 193

#### Resolve, To Name a Mountain in Oxford County

Sec. 1. Jason's Mountain. Resolved: That a certain mountain located at the south end of Twitchell Pond of the Town of Greenwood, lying opposite Rowe's Ledge and north of Sheepskin Bog and unofficially known as Jason's Mountain or Oak Hill, is named Jason's Mountain.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 16

### H.P. 363 - L.D. 500

#### Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a Major Substantive Rule of the Public Utilities Commission

**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 895: Underground Facility Damage Prevention Requirements, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Public Utilities Commission that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized only if the following change is made:

1. The rule must be amended in section 4(D)(2) to clarify that a damage prevention incident may be reported by an excavator to the Public Utilities Commission via e-mail.

The Public Utilities Commission is not required to hold hearings or undertake further proceedings prior to final adoption of the rule in accordance with this section.

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

Effective May 25, 2021.