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**CHAPTER 45
H.P. 247 - L.D. 349**

**Resolve, Directing an
Examination of Issues Related
to Operation of Watercraft on
Waters of the State**

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall examine issues related to the operation of watercraft, including personal watercraft, on the waters of the State including how best to educate the public about current laws governing the safe and appropriate operation of watercraft. The department shall also monitor whether the Town of Sweden votes to support prohibiting personal watercraft on Keyes Pond. The department shall report the department's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife prior to March 31, 2022. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report, including relating to the operation of personal watercraft on Keyes Pond, to the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 46
S.P. 195 - L.D. 488**

**Resolve, To Expand Recovery
Community Organizations
throughout Maine**

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

Whereas, recovery community centers are a critical component of services for individuals with substance use disorder in recovery; and

Whereas, recovery community centers provide hope and connection to individuals in recovery and counter the effects of isolation; and

Whereas, the State is in the process of establishing new recovery community centers and those new centers should be prioritized in counties that do not have centers; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect immediately upon enactment in order to promote as soon as possible the establishment of recovery community centers in counties without centers; 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 prioritize new recovery community center contracts. Resolved: That, in the process of awarding contract funding to establish or develop new recovery community centers to serve individuals with substance use disorder, the Department of Health and Human Services shall give preference in awarding contracts that establish or develop new recovery community centers in counties that have no state-funded recovery community centers or no other recovery community centers until every county has a center. For purposes of this resolve, "recovery community center" means a peer-operated organization whose primary purpose is to provide the community-based connections necessary for a person to enter and sustain recovery from substance use disorder by serving as a source of information on recovery, making referrals to local resources and providing or referring an individual to mutual-help or peer-support organization meetings or social activities.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall appear periodically before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters to report on the geographical distribution of recovery community centers across the State and progress in establishing a center in every county in the State.

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

Effective June 11, 2021.

**CHAPTER 47
H.P. 573 - L.D. 768**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Economic and
Community Development and
a Representative from the
Office of the Governor To
Study the Softwood Pulp
Industry**

Sec. 1. Softwood pulp industry. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development and a representative from the Office of the Governor shall work together with representatives of the forest products industry to study and make recommendations relating to the surplus of low-grade softwood in the State as a result of the recent closure of pulp and paper mills in the State and the impact it has had on the softwood pulp industry and landowners. The department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing