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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**  
**2021**

**Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved:** That the costs to the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal to convene and staff the task force and to report to the Legislature must be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.

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**CHAPTER 98**

**H.P. 1180 - L.D. 1591**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry To Identify Places with Offensive Names and Methods of Changing Those Names**

**Sec. 1. Identification of offensive names for geographic features and other places. Resolved:** That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall work jointly with the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations, jointly referred to in this resolve as "the department and commission," to review state law regarding offensive place names. The department and commission shall:

1. Review the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 1101 to determine and suggest any additional words to be included in the current definition of offensive name;
2. Establish a uniform process for renaming geographic features and other places that have offensive names; and
3. Explore the most effective methods of identifying the individuals, entities and institutions in the State that profited or benefited in any manner from the global economy of enslavement.

It is the intent of this resolve that the department and commission carry out their responsibilities within the existing resources of the department and commission. The department and commission may solicit, accept and expend funds to cover any expenses that are in excess of existing resources.

By December 1, 2021, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report pursuant to this section, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. The joint standing committee may submit a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 99**

**S.P. 446 - L.D. 1577**

**Resolve, To Convene a Working Group To Study Possible Solutions for Families Facing Emergency Child Custody Situations**

**Preamble. Whereas,** families in emergency situations regarding the safety of their children do not have a process other than the protection from abuse laws to request temporary emergency custody of children; and

**Whereas,** the protection from abuse process is not appropriate for all of the emergency situations requiring the court's intervention; and

**Whereas,** several studies have highlighted the need to address emergency situations, including an appropriate process for access to the courts, for Maine families; and

**Whereas,** this lack of a process is closely related to the issue of enforcement or timely modification of existing orders; and

**Whereas,** as studying the possible solutions to these related problems will require time and input from several stakeholders; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-C and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall convene a working group of stakeholders including commission members, representatives of the judicial branch, family law practitioners, members of the Family Law Advisory Commission established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 52-A, representatives of a statewide coalition to end domestic violence and any others that the commission determines to be necessary participants. The working group shall study the possible responses to emergency child custody situations, including whether an ex parte emergency child custody process can be created within the State's family law statutes and the related issue of how best to enforce or timely modify existing child custody orders.

**Sec. 2. Report; legislation. Resolved:** That the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2022. The report must summarize the activities of the working group under section 1, identify the working group's participants and include any recommended legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out legislation to the First Regular Session of the