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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**  
**2023**

Services shall convene a stakeholder group to explore career pathways and educational opportunities for emergency medical services providers in the State. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall invite the participation of the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, other public and private entities that provide emergency medical services education or training programs in the State and individuals with relevant backgrounds and experiences in emergency medical services education and training and in the delivery of emergency medical services. No later than January 15, 2024, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety that outlines the activities of the stakeholder group and any recommendations of the group, including any proposed legislation. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 16**

**H.P. 429 - L.D. 660**

**Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond**

**Sec. 1. MacDonald Pond. Resolved:** That the pond located in the Town of New Gloucester and having Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Information Display and Analysis System identification number 5886 is named MacDonald Pond.

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**CHAPTER 17**

**H.P. 519 - L.D. 830**

**Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses**

**Sec. 1. Campus housing study. Resolved:** That the Maine Community College System shall study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system shall consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system shall report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on

Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 18**

**H.P. 860 - L.D. 1346**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset County**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

**Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell, lease or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to Central Maine Power Company, on such terms and conditions as the director may require, certain property of approximately 0.4 acres on the Coburn Mountain public reserved lands within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County originally subject to a lease signed by the bureau in 1999 and on which are located radio telecommunication facilities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 19**

**S.P. 103 - L.D. 203**

**Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements**

**Sec. 1. Dealer display area and licensing working group. Resolved:** That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study issues related to laws and

rules regulating motor vehicle dealer display areas and licensing requirements.

**1. Membership.** The working group consists of 6 members, as follows:

- A. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
- B. The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- C. One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who is an expert in motor vehicle dealer license requirements;
- D. One member who is a representative of an association of new motor vehicle dealers;
- E. One member who is a representative of a business in the used motor vehicle industry; and
- F. One member who is a representative of a business that engages in the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet.

**2. Compensation.** Members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group.

**3. Duties.** Duties of the working group include:

- A. Reviewing the effectiveness of the current display area and dealer licensing requirements established in law and rule for motor vehicle dealers in providing customers with an opportunity to examine a motor vehicle prior to purchasing it;
- B. Reviewing recommendations from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators regarding the regulation of motor vehicle sales made over the Internet;
- C. Examining relevant standards or systems developed by industry experts to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet, including, but not limited to, which standards or systems would be most effective for the State to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet and the impact that adopting such standards or systems could have on motor vehicle dealers licensed in the State; and
- D. Developing recommendations to improve the State's laws regarding the requirements for motor vehicle dealer display areas in order to create a system that is more equitable for all of the different types of motor vehicle dealer businesses across the State.

**4. Staff assistance.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, within existing resources.

**5. Report.** The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide a report

by January 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The joint standing committee may introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the recommendations in the report.

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**CHAPTER 20**  
**H.P. 225 - L.D. 374**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service**

**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 Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service 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 June 1, 2023.

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