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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2024.

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

Effective June 20, 2023.

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**CHAPTER 61**  
**S.P. 137 - L.D. 316**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors**

**Sec. 1. Department of Labor to submit report on employment of minors. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards shall submit a report on the employment of minors in the State. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. Data on the allowed occupations and activities that can be performed by minors, including those occupations and activities considered hazardous occupations under 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570;
2. The call volume, if known, of inquiries to the bureau from employers of minors with questions concerning a minor's ability to work specific occupations and hours;
3. The number of work permits issued, trends in the issuance of work permits and consideration of whether statutory provisions and regulations surrounding the issuance of work permits may be updated; and
4. The incidents of injuries incurred by minors at places of employment, including the number and scope of incidents involving minors.

The bureau shall submit the report no later than January 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature on any matter relating to the report.

**Sec. 2. Department of Labor to update website; work with Department of Education regarding work permits for minors. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards shall:

1. Post on its publicly accessible website information concerning the current ability of minors to use and operate equipment to make coffee or other beverages that is typically used in country stores or coffee shops under the current law;
2. Post on its publicly accessible website examples of best practices that employers should use when employing minors; and

3. Work with the Department of Education to ensure school superintendents are aware of the ability to designate others in school administrative units to sign work permits for minors.

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**CHAPTER 62**  
**S.P. 262 - L.D. 594**

**Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review Resource Parent Bill of Rights. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the department's Resource Parent Bill of Rights to ensure that foster, adoptive and kinship families are adequately supported as active participants in the State's efforts to care for children in need of out-of-home placement. The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to, department personnel involved in the child welfare system, representatives from statewide organizations that provide support services for adoptive and foster parents and kinship families and representatives from a statewide organization that advocates to improve the short-term and long-term outcomes for youth who are or have been in foster care and resource families. The stakeholder group must also include individuals from a range of different types of resource families, including a family that provides care to a child in the child welfare system, and individuals that are kinship families, foster parents, permanency guardians, adoptive parents and members of a child's extended birth family. The stakeholder group shall examine the Resource Parent Bill of Rights to determine if it adequately ensures sufficient resources, supports, services, involvement and communication for resource families. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024.

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**CHAPTER 63**  
**H.P. 384 - L.D. 607**

**Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley**

**Sec. 1. Convene stakeholder group. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall

convene and staff an advisory stakeholder group, referred to in this resolve as "the stakeholder group," to assist the department in identifying and developing strategies to address highway mobility and transportation needs in northern Maine. Meetings of the stakeholder group must take place in Aroostook County or a location that best suits the majority of the stakeholder group members.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder group membership. Resolved:** That the stakeholder group consists of the following 11 members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation:

1. A representative of the Northern Maine Development Commission;
2. A representative of a statewide transportation association;
3. Three municipal managers working in Aroostook County;
4. A representative of a trade association representing businesses located in northern Maine;
5. A representative of a trucking association representing companies or interests in northern Maine;
6. A representative from the Aroostook Partnership; and
7. Three representatives of trucking companies based in Aroostook County.

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the stakeholder group shall perform the following duties:

1. Determine to what extent the recommendations of the Aroostook County Transportation Study conducted by the Department of Transportation have been or will be implemented;
2. Review previous studies analyzing the feasibility of connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and Aroostook County with a new 90-mile divided highway or with improvements to existing highways;
3. Review the conceptual benefits, costs, permitting process and feasible funding sources of a highway connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and unorganized territory of Central Aroostook;
4. Review current and future highway improvement plans that include Aroostook County;
5. Recommend highway improvements that will substantially improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity in northern Maine; and
6. Identify the economic benefits, social benefits and cost of improved integration between highway systems in Canada and Maine.

**Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 31, 2023, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations

of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation based on the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 64**  
**H.P. 1175 - L.D. 1843**

**Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge in Bremen renamed. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 6472 on Waldoboro Road in the Town of Bremen, currently known as the Muscongus Bridge, the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge.

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**CHAPTER 65**  
**H.P. 444 - L.D. 675**

**Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms**

**Sec. 1. Update board rules. Resolved:** That the Plumbers' Examining Board shall adopt rules to update the plumbing code it has established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3403-B to ensure that the plumbing code is consistent with Chapter 4, Section 422 of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, except that the board may make modifications to the plumbing code that are required by Title 22, sections 1686 and 1686-A. The board shall begin the rule-making process under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 no later than December 1, 2023. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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