

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from electronic originals
(may include minor formatting differences from printed original)

LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 25, 2023

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

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.

See title page for effective date.

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.

See title page for effective date.

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.

See title page for effective date.