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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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property located on each of the parcels, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and supplies;

- 2. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any documents necessary to settle any boundary line discrepancies regarding the state property described in section 2;
- 3. Exercise, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 3, subchapter 3, the power of eminent domain to quiet for all time any possible challenges to ownership of the state property described in section 2;
- 4. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any easements or other rights that, in the commissioner's discretion, may contribute to the value of a proposed sale of the State's interests in any of the state property described in section 2; and
- 5. Release any interests in the state property described in section 2 that, in the commissioner's discretion, do not contribute to the value of any remaining state property described in section 2.

The 3 parcels comprising the state property described in section 2 may be conveyed by sale individually or collectively, in the commissioner's discretion.

- Sec. 2. Property interests that may be conveyed. Resolved: That the state property authorized to be sold is:
- 1. A parcel or parcels of land, located between Washington and Adams Streets in the City of Biddeford, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 18544, Page 272;
- 2. A parcel or parcels of land, located in Springvale Village in the City of Sanford, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 19242, Page 906; and
- 3. A parcel or parcels of land, located in the Town of York, conveyed by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to the State, acting by and through the judicial branch, by quitclaim deed recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds, Book 18544, Page 275.
- Sec. 3. Property to be sold "as is". Resolved: That the commissioner may negotiate and execute purchase and sale agreements upon terms the commissioner considers appropriate; however, the state property described in section 2 must be sold "as is," with no representations or warranties. Title must be transferred by quitclaim deed without covenant or release deed and executed by the commissioner.
- Sec. 4. Maine State Housing Authority or local public housing authority. Resolved: That disposition of the state property described in section 2

must follow the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4754-A. If neither the Maine State Housing Authority nor a local public housing authority exercises the option to purchase one or more of the parcels comprising the state property for residential housing, it must be sold pursuant to section 5.

- **Sec. 5. Opinion of value. Resolved:** That, if the state property described in section 2 is not conveyed to the Maine State Housing Authority or one or more local public housing authorities for residential housing pursuant to section 4, the commissioner shall have the current market value of the state property described in section 2 determined by a broker opinion of value and current comparative market analysis. The commissioner may sell the state property described in section 2 directly to a purchaser through a competitive process, list the state property for sale with a private real estate broker or engage an auction company to solicit bids. After evaluating bids or offers, the commissioner may either negotiate the terms of sale, executing deeds and other closing documentation or reject any or all bids or offers.
- **Sec. 6. Proceeds. Resolved:** That any proceeds from the sale of the state property described in section 2 must be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements.
- **Sec. 7. Deed covenants. Resolved:** That, if the state property described in section 2 or any portion is transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority or a local public housing authority for residential housing pursuant to section 4, the Maine State Housing Authority or a local public housing authority shall ensure that it is used for that purpose for a minimum of 10 years.
- **Sec. 8. Repeal. Resolved:** That this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 167 H.P. 1397 - L.D. 2182

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

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 portions of Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Education that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

Sec. 2. Social studies standards. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall initiate rule-making on the portion of the department's rule Chapter 132: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction that provides the parameters for instruction for the content area of social studies and submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature for review. The department may adjust the content areas subject to review and submission to the Legislature in the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4 as necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section.

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

Effective April 13, 2024.

CHAPTER 168 H.P. 1399 - L.D. 2185

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy

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 2: Medical Use of Cannabis Program Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, office of cannabis policy that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is not authorized.

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

Effective April 16, 2024.

CHAPTER 169 S.P. 590 - L.D. 1471

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 200: Metallic Mineral Exploration, Advanced Exploration and Mining, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

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 was submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance