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**Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study Parking for Persons
with Physical Disabilities**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, BLACK of Wilton, LONG of Sherman, MALABY of
Hancock, PETERSON of Rumford, POULIOT of Augusta, REED of Carmel, TIMBERLAKE
of Turner.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission To Study
2 Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities, referred to in this resolve as "the
3 commission," is established; and be it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of
5 9 members appointed as follows:

6 1. Two members of the Senate with expertise in the subject matter of the study
7 appointed by the President of the Senate;

8 2. Three members of the House of Representatives with expertise in the subject
9 matter of the study appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10 3. One member of the Maine Statewide Independent Living Council appointed by
11 the President of the Senate;

12 4. One member who has knowledge and expertise in the federal Americans with
13 Disabilities Act appointed by the Speaker of the House;

14 5. One representative of the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor
15 Vehicles appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall consider any recommendations
16 submitted within 20 days of the effective date of this section by the Secretary of State
17 regarding persons who have expertise in the subject matter of the study; and

18 6. One representative of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
19 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services appointed by the Governor. The
20 Governor shall consider any recommendations submitted within 20 days of the effective
21 date of this section by the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management
22 regarding persons who have expertise in the subject matter of the study; and be it further

23 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
24 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
25 commission; and be it further

26 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
27 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
28 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
29 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
30 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
31 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
32 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
33 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

34 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study parking issues that
35 exist for persons with physical disabilities in this State and make recommendations for
36 changes to current law to improve accessibility and convenience. The commission shall,
37 at a minimum, review the laws and rules in other states that may work successfully in this
38 State concerning on-street and off-street parking for persons with physical disabilities.

1 The commission shall also consult with businesses and experts in traffic management and
2 parking design; and be it further

3 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
4 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further

5 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 2, 2015, the commission
6 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
7 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This resolve establishes the Commission To Study Parking for Persons with Physical
10 Disabilities.