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Resolve, To Establish a Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by President RAYE of Washington. Cosponsored by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville and Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, KATZ of Kennebec, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, BURNS of Whiting, CUSHING of Hampden, MORISSETTE of Winslow, TURNER of Burlington, WILLETTE of Mapleton. 1 Sec. 1. Creation of stakeholder group; membership. Resolved: That, 2 within its existing resources, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency 3 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services shall establish a stakeholder group, 4 referred to in this resolve as "the stakeholder group," for the development of a plan for the 5 inventory and proper care of veterans' graves. The bureau shall invite the participation of representatives of municipal government, county government and veterans organizations 6 7 and interested members of the public and a designee of the Maine Old Cemetery 8 Association: and be it further

9 Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved: That the stakeholder group shall review the status of 10 the graves of all veterans of the United States Armed Forces throughout the State and 11 issue a report that makes recommendations to ensure that veterans' graves are properly 12 cared for, especially those of veterans who no longer have family members who are able 13 to monitor and maintain those graves; and be it further

14 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 15, 2013, the Department 15 of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services 16 shall report the stakeholder group's findings and recommendations, and any suggested 17 legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over 18 veterans matters.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to establish a stakeholder group for the development of a plan for the inventory and proper care of veterans' graves in the State and to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters.

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