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House of Representatives, March 9, 2017

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative KINNEY of Knox.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BROOKS of Lewiston, CRAIG of Brewer,
DILLINGHAM of Oxford, GATTINE of Westbrook, MALABY of Hancock, McELWEE of
Caribou, PICKETT of Dixfield.

8	legislative session; and
9 10 11 12	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
13 14 15	Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be it further
16 17	Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:
18 19	1. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
20 21 22	2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
23 24	3. The Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center or the superintendent's designee;
25	4. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
26 27	5. The director of a psychiatric hospital in the State appointed by the President of the Senate;
28 29	6. A representative of a drug treatment services provider appointed by the President of the Senate; and
30 31	7. Two members of the public residing in northern Maine, including a person who is in treatment for drug use, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and be it further
32 33 34	Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission; and be it further

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not

Whereas, the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that

Facility in Northern Maine is established in this legislation to study siting and building a

the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next

become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

drug treatment facility in northern Maine; and

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- Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all 1 2 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 3 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, 4 5 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been 6 7 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further 8 9 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study siting and building a drug treatment facility in northern Maine; and be it further 10 11 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further 12
 - **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2017, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.
 - **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

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This resolve establishes the Commission To Study the Siting and Building of a Drug Treatment Facility in Northern Maine.