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An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Address a Joint Session of the Legislature

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport. Cosponsored by Senator HASTINGS of Oxford and

Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CLARK of Millinocket, DAVIS of Sangerville, FOSSEL of Alna, KESCHL of Belgrade, PRIEST of Brunswick, WALLACE of Dexter, WINSOR of Norway.

1 Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and 3 Whereas, this legislation authorizes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each 4 5 year to address a joint session of the Legislature; and 6 Whereas, in order to authorize the appearance of the Adjutant General before the 7 Legislature in February of 2012, it is necessary that this legislation be an emergency measure: and 8 9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 10 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, 11 therefore, 12 13 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 14 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §10** is enacted to read: 15 §10. Report by Adjutant General The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may 16 invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each year before a joint session of 17 18 the Legislature to address the Legislature on defense, veterans' services and emergency 19 management matters and such other matters as the Adjutant General desires to bring to 20 the attention of the Legislature. 21 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 22 legislation takes effect when approved. 23 **SUMMARY** 24 Under current law, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the 25 President of the Maine Community College System are invited annually to address the Legislature on matters within their purviews. This bill authorizes the President of the 26 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to 27 appear annually before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature on 28 29 defense, veterans' services and emergency management matters.