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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach for the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8072 and approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council.

Reference to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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- 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,** the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires 4 legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by 5 the agency; and
- 6 **Whereas,** a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the 7 legislative rule acceptance period; and
- 8 **Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's 9 position on final adoption of the rule; and

10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 13 therefore, be it

- 14 Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 119: 15 Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, a provisionally adopted major substantive 16 rule of the Department of Environmental Protection that has been submitted to the 17 Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, 18 subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
 takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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This resolve provides for legislative review of portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle
 Fuel Volatility Requirements, a major substantive rule of the Department of Environmental
 Protection that was filed outside the legislative rule acceptance period.