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**Resolve, to Review Traffic Fatalities Occurring While an Operator
Was Under the Influence and Subsequent Prosecution with Respect
to Those Occurrences**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative O'CONNELL of Brewer.

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Sec. 1. Commission convened; review of traffic fatalities involving OUI. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall convene a commission with membership made up of law enforcement officers and district attorneys to review traffic fatalities in the State in which an operator was charged with OUI, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2401, subsection 8. The commission shall consider the enforcement of and prosecution involving the laws governing OUI offenses in the State, focusing primarily on OUI offenses that result in death.

Sec. 2. Best practices guide; OUI enforcement and prosecution. Resolved: That the commission under section 1 shall create a set of best practices to be used as a guide in the enforcement of and prosecution involving the laws governing OUI offenses in the State and shall make this guide available to law enforcement agencies and district attorneys in the State.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Attorney General to convene a commission with membership made up of law enforcement officers and district attorneys to review traffic fatalities in the State in which an operator was charged with operating under the influence, or OUI, and the subsequent prosecution of those occurrences. The commission is directed to create a set of best practices to be used as a guide in the enforcement of and prosecution involving the laws governing OUI offenses in the State.