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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 663, L.D. 1034, “An Act to Decriminalize Personal Possession of Therapeutic Amounts of Psilocybin for Adults”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 13 members as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Four public members, one who is a psychologist licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 56 who has professional experience providing behavioral health services, one who is a physician licensed under Title 32, chapter 48, one who is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and one who has professional expertise conducting scientific research regarding the use of psychedelic compounds in clinical therapy, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. Four public members, one who is a naturopathic doctor licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 113-B, one who has expertise in the field of public health and has a background in academia, one who has experience in the field of psychedelic harm reduction and one who has expertise in implementing state policies that facilitate affordable state-regulated access to psychedelic healing, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and



1           5. One member representing the Office of the Governor, appointed by the Governor.

2           **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair  
3 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the  
4 commission.

5           **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all  
6 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
7 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative  
8 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,  
9 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more  
10 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been  
11 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for  
12 the commission to meet and conduct its business.

13           **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall:

14           1. Review available medical, psychological and scientific studies, research and other  
15 information on the safety and efficacy of psilocybin in treating behavioral health  
16 conditions, including, but not limited to, substance use disorder, depression, anxiety  
17 disorders and end-of-life psychological distress;

18           2. Review efforts by other states to adopt a legal framework for the therapeutic use of  
19 psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin;

20           3. Review previously proposed language in this State related to establishing a legal  
21 framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs, including, but not limited to,  
22 psilocybin, and related materials prepared in the course of the Legislature's consideration  
23 of such proposals;

24           4. Determine the steps the State would need to take in order to establish and maintain  
25 a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psilocybin in the State;

26           5. Develop a long-term strategic plan for creating a psilocybin services program and  
27 for ensuring that psilocybin services become and remain a safe, accessible and affordable  
28 therapeutic option for all persons who are 21 years of age or older and for whom psilocybin  
29 services may be appropriate; and

30           6. Advise and make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the  
31 Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, the joint  
32 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs  
33 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and  
34 human services matters regarding a legal framework for the therapeutic use of psychedelic  
35 drugs, including, but not limited to, psilocybin.

36           **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide  
37 necessary staffing services to the commission, except that Legislative Council staff support  
38 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

39           **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than November 4, 2026, the commission  
40 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested  
41 legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
42 jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters, the joint standing committee of  
43 the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans and legal affairs and the joint standing



1 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.  
2 The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice  
3 and public safety matters may report out legislation based upon the report to the 133rd  
4 Legislature in 2027.'

5 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
6 number to read consecutively.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve establishes the  
9 Commission to Study Pathways for Creating a Psilocybin Services Program in Maine. The  
10 commission must submit a report by November 4, 2026 that includes its findings and  
11 recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing  
12 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety  
13 matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans  
14 and legal affairs and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
15 over health and human services matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature  
16 having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters may report out  
17 legislation based upon the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 **(See attached)**