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### Resolve, To Study Veterans' Benefits in Maine

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach.  
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EVANS of Dover-Foxcroft, MARTIN of Sinclair, O'CONNELL of Brewer, WHITE of  
Waterville, Senator: DAVIS of Piscataquis.

**Sec. 1. Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to study veterans' benefits. Resolved:** That the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall conduct a study of federal and state benefits available to veterans in the State and the efficacy of the benefits in addressing deficiencies in comprehensively and fairly addressing issues experienced by the veterans, including whether:

1. Elderly veterans are receiving proper care and benefits commensurate with their advanced age and health care and living accommodation needs;

2. The provision of benefits based upon factors such as length and type of service, whether the veteran incurred a service-related disability, the level of a service-related disability, the income of the veteran and other factors leaves gaps in the provision of benefits to veterans who have a need for the benefits;

3. Health care, dental care and mental health care benefits adequately address the issues experienced by veterans; and

4. Mental health care benefits can be augmented or enhanced to adequately address the large number of suicides by veterans.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall report its findings under section 1, including proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by January 1, 2022. The joint standing committee may report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

## SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to study the provision of federal and state benefits available to veterans in the State and the efficacy of the benefits in addressing deficiencies in comprehensively and fairly addressing issues experienced by the veterans and by January 1, 2022 report its findings, including proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs, which may report out a bill on the subject of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.