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**RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of** Maine to Eliminate the Diversion of Revenue from Professional and Occupational Licensing Fees

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MORRIS of Turner. Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford, Senator: BENNETT of Oxford. 1 **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each branch of the 2 Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be 3 proposed:

4 **Constitution, Art. IX, §26** is enacted to read:

5 <u>Section 26. Limitation on expenditure of professional and occupational</u> 6 <u>licensing fees.</u> Revenue, proceeds and income derived from professional and 7 occupational licensing fees must be expended solely for the cost of administering and 8 enforcing the laws governing professional and occupational licensing and may not be 9 diverted for any other purpose.

10 **Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date.** 11 **Resolved:** That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their 12 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding 13 a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the 14 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this 15 resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to provide that revenue
derived from professional and occupational licensing fees must be
expended solely for the cost of administering and enforcing the laws
governing professional and occupational licensing and may not be diverted
for any other purpose?"

21 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square 22 below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared 23 24 in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in 25 the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, 26 the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of 27 28 the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

**SUMMARY** 

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This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine to provide that revenue derived from professional and occupational licensing fees must be expended solely for the cost of administering and enforcing the laws governing professional and occupational licensing and may not be diverted for any other purpose.