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An Act To Allow the Adjutant General To Address a Joint Session of the Legislature

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each year to address a joint session of the Legislature; and

Whereas, in order to authorize the appearance of the Adjutant General before the Legislature in February of 2012, it is necessary that this legislation be an emergency measure; and

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §10 is enacted to read:

§ 10. Report by Adjutant General

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may invite the Adjutant General to appear in February of each year before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature on defense, veterans' services and emergency management matters and such other matters as the Adjutant General desires to bring to the attention of the Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

Under current law, the Chancellor of the University of Maine System and the President of the Maine Community College System are invited annually to address the Legislature on matters within their purviews. This bill authorizes the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to invite the Adjutant General to appear annually before a joint session of the Legislature to address the Legislature on defense, veterans' services and emergency management matters.