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Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Amend Its Rules Regarding Seasonal Load Restrictions on Certain State and State Aid Highways

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FROST of Belgrade. Cosponsored by Senator BLACK of Franklin and Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, COOPER of Windham, DILL of Old Town, GUERRETTE of Caribou, PLUECKER of Warren.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period so that
 Department of Transportation rules may be timely adopted; and
- 5 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 6 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 7 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 8 therefore, be it
- Sec. 1. Department of Transportation rule; greenhouse supplies.
 Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall amend its rule Chapter 308: Rules
 to Establish Seasonal Load Restrictions on Certain State and State Aid Highways in section
 1, subsection 6, in the definition of "special commodity" to include greenhouse supplies for
 agriculture, including, but not limited to, compost, planting mix, containers for growing
 seedlings and greenhouse coverings and greenhouse construction materials.
- For the purposes of this resolve, "greenhouse covering" means the material used to cover a greenhouse to protect plants inside and control the internal environment of the greenhouse.
- 18 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
 19 takes effect when approved.
- 20 SUMMARY
- This resolve directs the Department of Transportation to amend its rule Chapter 308:
 Rules to Establish Seasonal Load Restrictions on Certain State and State Aid Highways to
 include greenhouse supplies for agriculture in the definition of "special commodity."