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Resolve, To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans by Establishing a Pilot Project To Inform the Development of a Longterm Transportation Policy To Assist Veterans

Reported by Representative LUCHINI of Ellsworth for the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 48.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

**Sec. 1. Veterans transportation pilot project. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor, shall develop and establish a pilot project in a location served by a regional transportation network to provide transportation for veterans; and be it further

6 Sec. 2. Pilot project purpose and limits. Resolved: That the purpose of the 7 pilot project is to improve access to essential programs and services for veterans, 8 including, but not limited to, employment or employment-related services, medical 9 appointments, mental health services, social services and community activities. The 10 Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Department of Health and Human Services and the 11 Department of Labor, shall conduct an analysis of the pilot project to inform potential 12 future development of a long-term transportation policy designed to enable the delivery 13 of cost-effective, sustainable and veteran-focused transportation services to meet the 14 15 current and future needs of veterans in the State. The pilot project must be limited to a finite number of veterans determined by the Department of Defense, Veterans and 16 17 Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and may last no longer than 2 years; and be it further 18

Sec. 3. Participants. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall
invite the participation of various stakeholders in developing the pilot project, including,
but not limited to, the Public Transit Advisory Council, established in the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 23, section 4209-A; and be it further

23 Sec. 4. Reports. Resolved: That by February 1, 2017 the Department of 24 Transportation shall submit an initial written report on the progress of the pilot project 25 and by January 15, 2018 the Department of Transportation shall submit a final written report, including findings and recommendations, to the joint standing committees of the 26 Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation, health and human services and labor 27 matters and veterans and legal affairs. The joint standing committees may each submit a 28 29 bill to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature relating to the subject matter 30 of the final report.

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## SUMMARY

32 This resolve is submitted pursuant to Resolve 2015, chapter 48 by the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs to implement the recommendations of the 33 Commission To Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans. It 34 35 requires the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, the Department of Health and Human 36 Services and the Department of Labor, to develop and establish a pilot project to provide 37 38 transportation for veterans in order to improve access to essential programs and services 39 for veterans and to inform potential future development of a long-term transportation 40 policy designed to enable the delivery of cost-effective, sustainable and veteran-focused transportation services to meet the current and future needs of veterans in the State. 41