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Resolve, To Establish a Study Commission To Examine the Maine Turnpike

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator THOMAS of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representative KNIGHT of Livermore Falls and

Senators: COLLINS of York, HILL of York, MARTIN of Kennebec, THIBODEAU of Waldo, TRAHAN of Lincoln, Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, McKANE of Newcastle.

1 **Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved:** That the Commission to Examine
2 the Maine Turnpike, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established; and be
3 it further

4 **Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule
5 353, the commission consists of 9 members as follows:

- 6 1. Three members appointed by the Governor;
- 7 2. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 8 3. One member of the public appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 9 4. One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives;
- 11 5. One member of the public appointed by the Speaker of the House of
12 Representatives;
- 13 6. The Commissioner of Transportation; and
- 14 7. The chair of the Maine Turnpike Authority; and be it further

15 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate
16 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the
17 commission; and be it further

18 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved:** That all
19 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
20 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
21 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
22 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission. If 30 days or more
23 after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been
24 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority
25 for the commission to meet and conduct its business; and be it further

26 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall study, but is not limited to
27 studying, the possibility of leasing the Maine Turnpike, merging the Maine Turnpike
28 Authority with the Department of Transportation or having the Department of
29 Transportation oversee the operations of the Maine Turnpike; and be it further

30 **Sec. 6. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 7, 2011, the commission
31 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
32 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature. The
33 Joint Standing Committee on Transportation is authorized to report out a bill related to
34 the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature
35 upon receipt of the report.

SUMMARY

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This resolve establishes the Commission to Examine the Maine Turnpike.