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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 693, L.D. 937, “Resolve, To Facilitate the Provision of Incentives for Soil Carbon Storage”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Direct the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife To Jointly Develop Recommendations Regarding Carbon Storage Programs and Policies'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop recommendations regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall jointly develop recommendations for the establishment of programs and policies to promote and incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration of soil carbon on natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers, including, but not limited to, technical assistance and financial incentives for that purpose. The departments shall consult with stakeholders with expertise on carbon storage programs, agriculture, forestry, land management and economic incentives for carbon storage and with members of the Maine Climate Council's working lands working group established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 577-A, subsection 7, paragraph D.

Sec. 2. Reports regarding carbon storage programs and policies. Resolved: That, on or before March 1, 2022, the departments under section 1 shall submit an interim report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, and the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature relating to the subject matter of the interim report. On or before September 1, 2022, the departments shall submit a final report with findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters, and the joint standing committee may

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 submit a bill to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject
2 matter of the report.'

3 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
4 section number to read consecutively.

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces
7 the resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and
8 Forestry and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to jointly develop
9 recommendations for the establishment of programs and policies to promote and
10 incentivize, where appropriate, practices that increase sequestration of soil carbon on
11 natural and working lands by farmers, landowners and land managers.

12 The amendment directs the departments to submit an interim report, on or before March
13 1, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and
14 provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 130th Legislature
15 relating to the subject matter of the report. The amendment directs the departments to
16 submit a final report, on or before September 1, 2022, to the joint standing committee of
17 the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural, conservation and forestry matters and
18 provides that the joint standing committee may submit a bill to the First Regular Session
19 of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.