

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN

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**Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Professional and Financial
Regulation To Conduct a Sunrise Review Regarding the Proposal To License
Operators of Cranes**

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to conduct a sunrise review regarding the proposal to license operators of cranes. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall conduct an independent assessment pursuant to the sunrise review requirements in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 1-A, subchapter 2 of the proposal to license operators of cranes. For the purpose of this resolve, "crane" means a piece of power-operated equipment that can hoist, lower and horizontally move a suspended load.

Sec. 2. Requirements. Resolved: That, in conducting the sunrise review required by section 1, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall consider:

1. Limiting licensure requirements to operators of cranes:
 - A. That are used in construction, demolition or excavation work;
 - B. That are used at construction sites of projects that involve work on structures over an established height; and
 - C. That have lifting capacity that reaches or exceeds set limits;
2. A requirement that an applicant for licensure as an operator of a crane possess an active, unrestricted Maine driver's license and a certification of medical fitness;
3. A requirement for a written and practical examination for licensure as an operator of a crane that incorporates nationally recognized certifications, federal guidelines or national industry guidelines pertaining to the operation of heavy equipment, including the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and American National Standards Institute standards or American Society of Mechanical Engineers guidelines; and

4. A pathway to license recognition for an individual possessing a crane operator license, or the equivalent, in another state or a United States territory.

Sec. 3. Reporting date established. Resolved: That, no later than January 10, 2020, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall submit a report with any necessary legislation following the independent assessment under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee is authorized to submit legislation on the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.