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

'Resolve, To Direct State Agencies To Develop Policies To Guide Employees When Accessing Private Woodland, Farmland or Coastal Lands'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "woodland" the following: ', farmland or coastal lands'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 8th line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "owners" and inserting the following: 'or farmland owners or owners of coastal lands'

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the next to the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "woodland" the following: ', farmland or coastal lands'

Amend the resolve in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "owners" and inserting the following: 'and farmland owners and owners of coastal lands'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4 Report on policies; legislation authorized. Resolved: That the departments shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than January 15, 2010 on the policies developed under section 1. The report must include a copy of each department's policies pertaining to accessing private woodlands, farmlands and coastal lands and a summary of input received from farmland and woodland owners and owners of coastal lands during the development of these policies. The report must also include a description of how information collected on private land is used by the departments, the types of information that are available to the public and how that information is provided.

The Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature pertaining to state employees' access to private lands or the dissemination of information collected on private lands; and be it further'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Marine Resources, Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and Department of Conservation to develop policies to guide employees when accessing private farmland and coastal lands as well as private woodland. The amendment also requires the departments to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry by January 15, 2010 on the policies developed under the resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on

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