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Amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 1 to 7 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1 Maine Regulatory Fairness Board to identify regulatory burdens and find efficiencies. Resolved: That the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 57, in consultation with private and public stakeholders, including but not limited to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Health and Human Services, shall review and identify ways to advance the State's business climate as identified by the 2009 Measures of Growth In Focus report from the Maine Economic Growth Council, the final report of the Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity, the report entitled "Charting Maine's Future, An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places" by the Brookings Institution and any other reports identified by the board; to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and consistency of the State's regulatory systems; and to improve the relationships between regulators and the regulated community. The Maine Regulatory Fairness Board shall use the process for accepting public input through public meetings across the State currently required pursuant to Title 5, section 57 to assist in the identification of regulatory burdens; and be it further

Sec. 2 Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 15, 2010, the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board shall provide a briefing regarding the work performed to date pursuant to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development and that same committee is authorized to introduce a bill related to the subject matter of section 1 to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. No later than January 15, 2011, the board shall also provide a written report that includes its findings and recommendations pursuant to section 1, including any suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters.’

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and requires the Maine Regulatory Fairness Board, in consultation with private and public stakeholders, including but not limited to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Health and Human Services, to review and identify ways to advance the State's business climate as identified by the 2009 Measures of Growth In Focus report from the Maine Economic Growth Council, the final report of the Joint Select Committee on Future Maine Prosperity, the report entitled "Charting Maine's Future, An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places" by the Brookings Institution and any other reports identified by the board; to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and consistency of the State's regulatory systems; and to improve the relationships between regulators and the regulated community. It requires the board to use the process for accepting public input through public meetings across the State, which is currently required in statute, to assist in the identification of regulatory burdens.

It also requires the board to provide a briefing regarding its review no later than February 15, 2010 and authorizes the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research

and economic development matters to introduce a bill related to this issue in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. This amendment also requires that, no later than January 15, 2011, the board must provide a written report with its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business, research and economic development matters.