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**Resolve, Creating the Advisory Committee on Maine's Health
Insurance Exchange**

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative RICHARDSON of Warren for the Joint Standing Committee
on Insurance and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Order, H.P. 1162.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas,** to be eligible for health insurance exchange funding, the Federal
4 Government requires the states to make substantial progress in the following core areas:
5 background research; stakeholder consultation; legislative and regulatory action;
6 governance; program integration; exchange information technology systems; financial
7 management; oversight and program integrity; health insurance market reforms;
8 providing assistance to individuals and small businesses, coverage appeals and
9 complaints; and business operation; and

10 **Whereas,** the deadlines for applying for the next round of federal funding are
11 September 30, 2011 and December 31, 2011; and

12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
13 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
14 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 **Sec. 1. Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange**
17 **established. Resolved:** That the Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance
18 Exchange, referred to in this resolve as "the advisory committee," is established to
19 develop and provide recommendations, including suggested enabling legislation, to the
20 Governor and the Legislature for a health insurance exchange that addresses the core
21 areas specified by the Federal Government and consider the views of the health care
22 industry and other stakeholders; and be it further

23 **Sec. 2. Membership of the advisory committee. Resolved:** That the
24 advisory committee consists of no more than 9 members appointed by the Governor, after
25 consultation with the chairs and lead minority members of the Joint Standing Committee
26 on Insurance and Financial Services. The Governor shall appoint members that represent
27 the diverse interests of stakeholders related to the establishment of a health insurance
28 exchange. The members must include representatives of key constituencies, including,
29 but not limited to, health care providers, insurers, health insurance producers, consumers,
30 employers with more than 50 employees, employers with 50 or fewer employees and the
31 Board of Trustees of Dirigo Health. Prior to making appointments to the advisory
32 committee, the Governor shall seek nominations from statewide associations representing
33 the interests of stakeholders identified in this section and other entities as appropriate; and
34 be it further

35 **Sec. 3. Chair. Resolved:** That the Governor shall appoint a chair from among
36 the members of the advisory committee; and be it further

37 **Sec. 4. Duties of the advisory committee. Resolved:** That the advisory
38 committee shall:

39 1. Review and consider the recommendations issued by the 124th Legislature's Joint
40 Select Committee on Health Care Reform with respect to a health insurance exchange;

1 federal funding for the creation of a health insurance exchange and to provide draft
2 enabling legislation for the creation of a health insurance exchange.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**