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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources

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

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

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

Sec. 1 Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 348: Poultry Slaughter and Processing with Grower/Producer Exemption, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2A, is authorized only if the rule is amended to include requirements for the humane handling and slaughter of poultry.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources is not required to hold hearings or conduct other formal proceedings prior to finally adopting the rule in accordance with this resolve.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.