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Resolve, Directing the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management To Develop a Portable Voucher System To Subsidize Rental Housing for Veterans in the State

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative VILLA of Harrison.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and

Representatives: BRIGGS of Mexico, DEVIN of Newcastle, DORNEY of Norridgewock, FOWLE of Vassalboro, JOHNSON of Greenville, KINNEY of Limington, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MORIARTY of Cumberland, NADEAU of Winslow, PLANTE of Berwick, POWERS of Naples, PRIEST of Brunswick, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SCHNECK of Bangor, VEROW of Brewer.

1 Sec. 1. Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to 2 develop a portable voucher system to subsidize rental housing for veterans in 3 the State. Resolved: That the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency 4 Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, shall work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States 5 Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental 6 housing assistance for veterans of the United States Armed Forces residing in the State. 7 8 The portable voucher system must use as much as possible the existing administrative 9 framework in the State for dispensing rental housing assistance, which includes disbursing portable vouchers, and must access federal funds through the United States 10 Department of Veterans Affairs available for supportive housing for homeless veterans. 11 For purposes of this resolve, "portable voucher" means a voucher for rental housing 12 13 assistance that attaches to the recipient and not to a specific address or rental housing 14 unit.

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## SUMMARY

16 This resolve directs the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency 17 Management, in collaboration with the Maine State Housing Authority, to work with the 18 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States 19 Department of Veterans Affairs to develop a portable voucher system to provide rental 20 housing assistance in the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces.