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**Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Cannabis Hospitality
Establishments**

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison and
Senator: BRENNER of Cumberland, Representatives: COLLINGS of Portland, RUDNICKI of
Fairfield, SUPICA of Bangor.

1 **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force on Cannabis
2 Hospitality Establishments, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

3 **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353,
4 that the task force consists of 17 members appointed as follows:

5 1. Four members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including
6 members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

7 2. Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats
9 in the Legislature;

10 3. The following members appointed by the President of the Senate:

11 A. One supporter of the 2016 cannabis legalization ballot measure;

12 B. One expert on cannabis policy;

13 C. One expert on training for alcohol industry employees;

14 D. One member representing the interests of adult use cannabis consumers; and

15 E. One member representing the interests of municipal governments; and

16 4. The following members appointed by the Speaker of the House:

17 A. One member representing the interests of adult use cannabis licensees;

18 B. One member representing the interests of the hospitality industry;

19 C. One member representing law enforcement; and

20 D. One member representing public health.

21 **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair
22 and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

23 **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all
24 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
25 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative
26 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
27 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after
28 the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the
29 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task
30 force to meet and conduct its business.

31 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall review how other states regulate
32 cannabis hospitality establishments and draft recommendations for a bill to regulate
33 cannabis hospitality establishments in this State. These recommendations must address
34 issues including, but not limited to:

35 1. Whether the State should issue a single cannabis hospitality establishment license
36 or various license types for different business models;

37 2. The qualifications for obtaining a cannabis hospitality establishment license and
38 how applications will be reviewed;

