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| 1 | (New Draft of H.P. 1448, L.D. 1900) |
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| 2 3 | SECOND REGULAR SESSION |
| 4 5 | ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE |
| 6 7 | Legislative Document No. 2056 |
| 8 | H.P. 1557 House of Representatives, February 8, 1984 |
| 9 10 11 | Reported by Representative Seavey from the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill presented by Representative Melendy of Rockland. Cosponsored by Representative Nelson of Portland and Representative Carroll of Gray. |
| 12 | EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk |
| 13 14 | STATE OF MAINE |
| 15 16 17 | IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR |
| 18 19 20 | AN ACT to Amend the Statutes Governing the Licensing of Children's Homes. |
| 21 22 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: |
| 23 24 | <pre>Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8101, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 260, §4, is amended to read:</pre> |
| 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 | 3. Family foster home. "Family foster home" means a children's home that is a private dwelling where substitute parental care is provided within a family on a regular, 24-hour a day, residential basis. The total number of children in care may not exceed 6, including the family's legal children under 16 years of age, with no more than 2 of these children under the age of 2. In order to keep siblings together, this definition shall not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number. |

| 1 | Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8107 is enacted to read: |
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| 2 | §8107. Exceptions |
| 3 4 | The following exceptions to placement, as defined in section 8101, shall apply. |
| 5 6 7 8 9 | 1. Number; placement. The limitations on the number of children in children's homes shall not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number, if the purpose of the placement is to keep siblings together. |
| 10 11 12 13 14 | 2. Handicapped; placement. The definitions used shall not preclude the department from placing a moderately to severely handicapped child in any appropriate child care facility at the department's discretion. |
| 15 | STATEMENT OF FACT |
| 16 17 18 | The new draft clarifies the chapter on children's homes by removing exceptions from definitions and placing them in their own section. |
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