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House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

**Resolve, to Require a Plan for a Register of Nonlicensed Persons Who
Provide Health Care Services.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, COWGER of Hallowell,
FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, SAXL of Bangor.

2 Whereas, there is a movement by a variety of health care and
4 long-term care providers to support individuals in the community
4 and to have personal support provided by unlicensed persons; and

6 Whereas, people are living longer and living in communities
6 apart from their families; and

8 Whereas, the types of acceptable support for individuals in
10 the community have multiplied rapidly; and

12 Whereas, it would assist state agencies, providers of
14 services and the consumer if there were a central register of
14 nonlicensed support and personal care providers; now, therefore,
14 be it

16 **Sec. 1. Register plan required. Resolved:** That the Department of
18 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
20 and the Department of Human Services, referred to in this resolve
22 as the "departments," shall develop a plan for compiling and
24 promulgating a register of persons who provide personal care and
24 support, desire to be registered and are not currently regulated
24 by the State. The register must be indexed by specialty and
24 geographic area; and be it further

26 **Sec. 2. Qualifications and violations. Resolved:** That the
28 departments shall develop education and experience qualifications
30 for registration. These must be minimal, consistent with the
32 generally used definition of the term "register" in this
32 context. The departments may also develop a list of actions that
32 will result in suspension, revocation or refusal to renew
32 registration; and be it further

34 **Sec. 3. Budget. Resolved:** That the departments shall prepare
36 a budget covering registration, production and dissemination of
38 the register and the cost of investigating and acting upon
38 complaints that might affect a registrant's future eligibility
38 and shall set the registration fee necessary to meet this budget;
38 and be it further

40 **Sec. 4. Reporting Date. Resolved:** That the departments shall
42 present a brief written report of the recommended plan to the
44 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January
44 1, 1998 and an oral report to that committee by February 1, 1998.

46 SUMMARY

48 This resolve requires the Department of Mental Health,
48 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse and the Department of

2 Human Services to prepare for the Legislature a plan for a register of personal care and support providers who are not otherwise regulated.