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House of Representatives, February 18, 1997

An Act to Amend the Prehearing Settlement Process.

Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOYNER of Hollis. Cosponsored by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§6 is enacted to read:
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	6. Preadministrative hearing settlement process. The
6	department may implement rules formalizing a preadministrative
	hearing settlement process. Rules adopted pursuant to this
8	subsection are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5,
	chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
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12	SUMMARY
14	This bill permits the Department of Human Services to
	formalize a prehearing settlement process. Currently settlements
16	are achieved on an ad hoc basis, often during the actual hearing.