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Resolve, Regarding Consumer-directed Personal Assistance Services and Respite Services.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative PIEH of Bremen and
Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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Sec. 1. Personal assistance services; respite care. Resolved: That an agency of State Government that provides consumer-directed personal assistance services shall make those services available to consumers who are able to self-direct the management of that care and to consumers who need the assistance of an unpaid steward to manage that care. The steward may be a relative and is chosen by the consumer. An agency of State Government that provides respite care shall make that care consumer-directed when possible.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires an agency of State Government that provides consumer-directed personal assistance services to make those services available to consumers who are able to self-direct the management of that care and to consumers who need the assistance of an unpaid steward to manage the care. The resolve also requires an agency of State Government that provides respite care to make that care consumer-directed when possible.