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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 6, L.D. 6, "Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter (unassigned): Rules Providing for the Licensing of Child Placing Agencies With and Without Adoption Programs, Addition of Home Certification Process, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Human Services, Community Services Center"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 29 in resolve) by striking out the following: "authorized." and inserting in its place the following: 'authorized if the rules are amended in Section 2, Certification Procedures, paragraph C by adding after the first sentence 2 sentences to read: "A decision under this paragraph must be made by the Agency within 30 days of receipt of the information required for a decision on the application under paragraph B. For reasons of the best interests of the child, a decision under this paragraph may be extended for an additional 30-day time period." '

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to implement the "Rules Providing for the Licensing of Child Placing Agencies With and Without Adoption Program, Addition of Home Certification Process." These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

2 This amendment amends the resolve by adding a requirement  
4 that a decision to grant or deny an application for certification  
6 as a preadoptive home must be made within 30 days of the  
8 completion of an application. An additional 30-day time period  
is allowed for the best interests of the child. The amendment  
also adds a fiscal note.