

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**No. 837**

S.P. 276

In Senate, February 16, 2005

### **Resolve, Regarding a New Certification for Health Care Attendants**

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Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

2           **Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and  
Human Services and the State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules  
4 establishing a new classification of certified health care  
workers to be named "health care attendants." In developing the  
6 new classification of health care attendants, the department and  
the State Board of Nursing shall review the requirements for  
8 certification of certified nursing assistants for training,  
certification and listing in good standing on the Maine Registry  
10 of Certified Nursing Assistants pursuant to the Maine Revised  
Statutes, Title 22, section 1812-G. The department and the State  
12 Board of Nursing shall adopt rules regarding training  
requirements and certification standards for health care  
14 attendants that will qualify health care attendants to perform  
the function of feeding patients who need assistance with eating  
and other functions relating to patient care such as grooming and  
16 dressing. In developing the training requirements and  
certification standards, the department and State Board of  
18 Nursing shall seek the advice and participation of the long-term  
care ombudsman program and representatives of consumers and  
20 providers of health care and assisted living services. The  
certification standards for health care attendants may not  
22 require completion of a course for certified nursing assistants  
or qualification for listing in good standing on the Maine  
24 Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants. Rules adopted pursuant  
to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the  
26 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**SUMMARY**

32           This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human  
Services and the State Board of Nursing to adopt routine  
34 technical rules for a new classification of health care workers  
named health care attendants.