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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Report A

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1315, L.D. 1875, Bill, "An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Regarding Substance Abuse Treatment Services'**

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. Rules amendment. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall amend the rules regarding substance abuse services for persons receiving opioid treatment to:

1. With regard to the amount of counseling required of a participant in an opioid treatment program, increase the amount of counseling during the initial months of treatment, tapering to less frequent counseling as treatment progresses;

2. With regard to the process for relicensing an opioid treatment program, provide for opportunity for public input; and

3. With regard to the process for licensing an opioid treatment program, require consideration of the need for opioid treatment in the community or region, based on a needs assessment performed by the Office of Substance Abuse that analyzes drug use and treatment patterns for a number of years prior to the date of application for licensure.'

**SUMMARY**

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4 This amendment is the majority committee amendment to the  
6 bill. This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the bill to  
8 a resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human  
10 Services, Office of Substance Abuse to amend its rules for opioid  
treatment programs to require more counseling at the beginning of  
treatment and less as treatment progresses, to require an  
opportunity for public input in the relicensing process and to  
require consideration of treatment needs in the licensing process.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1875

LR 2742(02)

**An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.