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House of Representatives, January 31, 2017

## An Act Regarding the Licensing of Family Foster Homes

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Cosponsored by Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, HYMANSON of York, RECKITT of South Portland, SCHNECK of Bangor, TALBOT ROSS of Portland, VACHON of Scarborough. 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8110 is enacted to read:

## 3 §8110. Family foster homes

4 <u>The department may not deny a license for a family foster home for the reason that a</u> 5 <u>prospective foster parent residing in that home has a preexisting medical condition unless</u> 6 <u>that medical condition would materially affect the safety or well-being of a child placed</u> 7 <u>in the home.</u>

8 SUMMARY

9 This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from denying a 10 license for a family foster home for the reason that a prospective foster parent residing in 11 that home has a preexisting medical condition unless that medical condition would 12 materially affect the safety or well-being of a child placed in that home.