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H.P. 953

House of Representatives, March 19, 2019

Resolve, To Increase Access to Housing-related Support Services

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, JORGENSEN of Portland, MORALES of South
Portland, Senator: SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.

1 sustaining services, to individuals with disabilities, older adults needing long-term
2 services and supports and persons experiencing chronic homelessness under the 1915(b)
3 and 1915(c) Medicaid waiver provisions. It also directs the department to amend
4 MaineCare rules to implement the waivers once approved. These allowable benefits are
5 set forth in the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid Services, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services Informational
7 Bulletin dated June 26, 2015 on Coverage of Housing-Related Activities and Services for
8 Individuals with Disabilities.

9 The resolve also directs the department to review any waivers or state plan
10 amendments available under Title XIX of the United States Social Security Act to
11 stabilize access to safe and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities, older
12 adults, individuals needing long-term services and supports and persons experiencing
13 chronic homelessness through the provision of housing transition, tenancy sustainment
14 and case management services and to collaborate with the Maine State Housing Authority
15 to determine how resources may be leveraged more effectively to address housing needs.
16 As part of its review, the department is required to convene a stakeholder group to solicit
17 input regarding methods to improve health outcomes through greater housing stability.