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An Act to Ensure Quality in Personal Care Agencies

Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Received by the Clerk of the House on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-B, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2023, c. 309, §6, is
3 amended to read:

4 B. Quality ~~measures~~ performance metrics established in accordance with subsection
5 2-F;

6 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-F** is enacted to read:

7 **2-F. Quality performance metrics for personal care agencies.** The department shall
8 establish by rule and post on a publicly accessible website annual quality performance
9 metrics for personal care agencies. The department may revoke the license of a personal
10 care agency that fails to timely or adequately satisfy the quality performance metrics
11 established by the department or file reports required by the department. To determine if
12 a personal care agency meets the quality performance metrics established by the
13 department, the department may collect data relating to the personal care agency, including,
14 but not limited to, claims data, performance data and survey data. Rules adopted pursuant
15 to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
16 2-A.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish by rule and
19 post on a publicly accessible website annual quality performance metrics for personal care
20 agencies. It authorizes the department to revoke the license of a personal care agency that
21 fails to timely or adequately satisfy the metrics or file reports required by the department.