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sites for information about direct care employment opportunities;

E. Providing information about job training opportunities and continuing education opportunities;

F. Providing a resource guide for consumers to assist in understanding the different categories of workers, types of home care agencies and the state-funded programs that cover direct care services;

G. Providing links to organizations working to address the direct care worker shortage and to improve the working conditions for direct care workers; and

H. Providing information about how to conduct a hiring process that helps to achieve quality care; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report of its findings under section 1, together with its recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2007.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 88

H.P. 1063 - L.D. 1538

Resolve, To Further the Collection of Hospital Quality Data Regarding Nurse Staffing

Sec. 1. Maine Health Data Organization to enter into rulemaking to include nursing satisfaction survey results. Resolved: That the Maine Health Data Organization, in consultation with the Maine Quality Forum, shall amend 90-590 Maine Health Data Organization, Code of Maine Rules, Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, to include the submission of measures of nursing satisfaction using only metrics that can be compared to national benchmark data; and be it further

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to enter into rulemaking to require hospitals to provide nurses annual notice of Whistleblowers' Protection Act. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules on hospital licensing that implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 405 to require each hospital, once every calendar year, to notify individually each registered nurse in its employ

of information, including the text of statutory provisions, regarding the Whistleblowers' Protection Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 89

S.P. 352 - L.D. 1100

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Revenue Services To Provide Guidance Regarding the Valuation of Certain Affordable Housing Property

Sec. 1. Affordable housing valuation. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, referred to in this resolve as "the bureau," shall review the factors that should be considered by the municipal assessors when determining just value of property that qualifies for the low-income rental housing tax credit under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 42. The bureau shall prepare guidance to be provided to municipal assessors that indicates that the income approach should be considered unless a different approach results in a more accurate determination of just value. The bureau may also provide further guidance on related issues, such as restricted rents, property use restrictions and other factors required in affordable housing for low-income persons pursuant to federal laws.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 90

H.P. 511 - L.D. 662

Resolve, To Assist Veterans in Need of Shelter

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority and homeless veterans. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall work with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services to reach out to identify and promote housing and shelter services throughout the State for veterans of the United States Armed Forces who are homeless; and be it further

Sec. 2. Outreach efforts; report. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority is directed to convene a group of stakeholders involved in veterans affairs to find methods for improving outreach efforts to homeless veterans in all regions of the State and facilitate efforts of nonprofit organizations to draw down any available federal grants to assist in meeting the needs of homeless veterans in the State.