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compliance or noncompliance by employers and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, for ways to strengthen employer compliance with sexual harassment policies and strengthen sexual harassment prevention efforts in the workplace. The report must be submitted no later than January 1, 2026. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out a bill related to the contents of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 91

H.P. 1225 - L.D. 1830

Resolve, to Expand the Recipients of the Report on the Public Safety Health and Wellness Grant Pilot Program and Authorize Legislation to Be Submitted in Response to the Report

Sec. 1. Report on public safety health and wellness grant pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall submit the report required by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part T, section 5 no later than January 10, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services in addition to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety as required by Public Law 2023, chapter 643, Part T, section 5. After reviewing the report, the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services or the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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CHAPTER 92

H.P. 639 - L.D. 979

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, a major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Health and Human Services that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized only if:

1. In the rule in Part B: Residential Care Facilities, in Section 7.A, a new Section 7.A.3 is added that requires a facility's administrator to ensure that the following data is submitted to the division of licensing and certification, no less frequently than on a quarterly basis, beginning no later than 60 days after the written notice by the Department of Health and Human Services that a reporting system has been developed and is ready for facility data submission:

A. The facility's daily number of staff for each shift who were present and working each day providing direct care to residents during each shift;

B. The facility's number of staff who are working as temporary staff and were hired through a temporary nurse agency or other temporary staffing agency or Internet-based system, and the name of the agency;

C. The facility's staff turnover rate for each quarter; and

D. The facility's resident census for each day.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit an annual report, beginning January 2, 2027, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters, with the monthly average of data collected under Section 7.A. The report due January 2, 2027 must include a method to provide the data to the public on the department's publicly accessible website;

2. The requirement in the rule in Part B: Residential Care Facilities for minimum direct residential care