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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 13, 2023. It requires stakeholder groups to be convened as necessary and prior to rule-making activity.

Public Law 2021, chapter 227 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 16, 2021.

### **LD 869 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Review the Progressive Treatment Program and Processes by Which a Person May Be Involuntarily Admitted to a Psychiatric Hospital or Receive Court-ordered Community Treatment**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 60 directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group of interested parties to review the progressive treatment program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3873-A and to review for efficiency and effectiveness the processes by which a person may be involuntarily admitted to a psychiatric hospital or receive court-ordered community treatment pursuant to Title 34-B, chapter 3, subchapter 4, article 3. The commissioner is directed to submit a report with recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2021. The committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the recommendations of the report.

Resolve 2021, chapter 60 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2021.

### **LD 958 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Conduct a Review of Rules Governing In-home Personal Care Assistance Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 117 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to review its statutory and regulatory authority over home care agencies that provide direct care services in the home to assist individuals with the activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living. The review must examine whether the department has sufficient oversight and enforcement authority over agencies, employees and independent contractors and caregivers to ensure the appropriate quality and safety of individuals receiving home care services. The department is directed to include providers, consumers, direct care workers, the long-term care ombudsman and other interested parties in the review process. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 15, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with recommendations. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report. The resolve includes an appropriation to increase an existing contract to ensure successful research, coordination, facilitation and report writing.