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LD 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

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 92 authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt its major substantive rule Chapter 113: Assisted Housing Programs Licensing Rule, as long as the staffing increases for residential care facilities and memory care units are removed from the rule and the current staffing levels are retained. It requires the rule to include provisions for staffing data to be reported at least quarterly to the department from residential care facilities upon notification by the department that a reporting system has been developed and is ready for data submission. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with monthly averages for the data. The resolve also requires the long-term care ombudsman program to convene a stakeholder group to examine staffing issues at residential care facilities and report its findings in a preliminary and final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Resolve 2025, chapter 92 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.

LD 1078 An Act to Support Maine's Public Health Objectives by Increasing Access to Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 408 provides authority for certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to operate mobile sites within parameters preapproved by the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and to provide delivery services of hypodermic apparatuses within a program's service area.

LD 1079 An Act to Provide Comprehensive Perimenopause and Menopause Education

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 472 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into partnerships with health care providers, community-based health care programs and hospitals to create and disseminate informational materials on the symptoms, processes and issues surrounding perimenopause and menopause. It also provides ongoing funding of \$20,000 per year to support these activities.