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H.P. 178

House of Representatives, January 11, 1999

**An Act to Enhance the Health of Maine Citizens by Improving
Community Health Programs.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, McKEE of Wayne, SHIELDS of Auburn,
TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: BENNETT of Oxford, LONGLEY of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3-D, sub-§§7 and 8,** as enacted by PL 1995, c.
598, Pt. A, §1, are amended to read:

6 **7. Access to care.** Access to and use of health care
7 services by all or a particular group of the people of this
8 State, including, but not limited to, the use of ambulatory
9 health care services. The access and use may be categorized by
10 specialty and type of practice of the health professional or
11 health facility providing the service; and

12 **8. Public health.** Public health policies and programs; ;

14 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3-D, sub-§§9 and 10** are enacted to read:

16 **9. Evaluation.** Evaluation of the health of Maine residents
17 and the quality and effectiveness of health care and health
18 programs; and

19 **10. Recommendations.** Recommendations to improve the health
20 of Maine residents and their access to health care and health
21 programs.

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill expands the responsibilities of the Maine Center
29 for Public Health Practice to include evaluation of the health of
30 Maine residents and the quality and effectiveness of health care
31 and health programs and making recommendations to improve the
32 health of Maine residents and their access to health care and
health programs.