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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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No. 1024

H.P. 734

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Revise the Purpose and Authority of the Long-term Care Steering Committee.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMSON of Jay.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, FULLER of Manchester, GERRY of Auburn,
HATCH of Skowhegan, LaVERDIERE of Wilton, SAXL of Bangor, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

| Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follow | Be it | Be | 3e | it | enacted | by | the | Peop | ple of | f the | State | of ] | Maine | as | follow | s: |
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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 696, Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

There is established the Long-term Care Steering Committee, referred to in this section as the "committee," to provide input to the commissioner on all policy initiatives, <u>legislation</u>, laws and rules concerning long-term care and assisted living in order to ensure that long-term care and assisted living programs reflect the needs and preferences of the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The committee shall advise the Governor, the Legislature and the commissioner on all matters within its jurisdiction.

#### Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5107-B, sub-§§5 and 6 are enacted to read:

- 5. Budget. There is established within the department a separate budget line for the committee. The committee may expend the appropriated funds as required to undertake the duties of the committee.
- 6. Independent status. The committee is independent of the department.

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This bill establishes the independent status of the Long-term Care Steering Committee, enables it to have its own budget line within the budget of the Department of Human Services, and expands its duties to include input on legislation and advice to the Governor, the Legislature and the Commissioner of Human Services on all matters within its jurisdiction.