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14 16	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 735, L.D. 1025, "Resolve,
20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "//" to H.P. 735, L.D. 1025, "Resolve, to Lengthen the Screening Period for Long-term Care Assessments"
22	Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:
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26	'Resolve, Regarding Assessment for Long-term Care'
26	Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after
28	the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:
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32	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
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	Whereas, persons with chronic medical conditions who
36	experience frequent acute episodes because of the nature of their conditions may qualify and disqualify for long-term care
38	regularly and with the result of frequent disruptive changes in residence; and
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42	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
42	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
44	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and

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safety; now, therefore, be it

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Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall study the situations of individuals who, because of the nature of their chronic medical conditions, experience frequent acute episodes that result in multiple moves among levels of care. The time period of cases to be reviewed in the study is April, 1998 to March, 1999. The department shall review information concerning these individuals, their services, treatment and therapies and any problems resulting from frequent moves. The department shall present the preliminary results of its study to interested parties and shall consider any additional information from those interested parties determining the need for changes in law or departmental policy or The department shall present a final report, including recommendations for changes in law and departmental procedures or programs, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2000. The committee may report out legislation on the assessment for long-term care as a result of receiving the study.

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Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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'FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to conduct a study and report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Human Services to undertake a historical study of persons with chronic medical conditions and their qualification and disqualification under the Medical Eligibility Determination Assessment procedure. The department is required to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 1, 2000. The committee is authorized to report out legislation as a result of the report. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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