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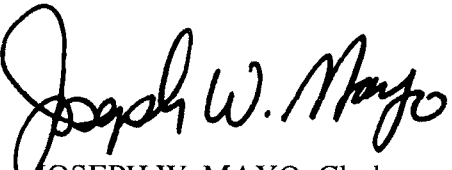
H.P. 735

House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

**Resolve, to Lengthen the Screening Period for Long-term Care Assessments.**

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, DUGAY of Cherryfield, KANE of Saco, McKEE  
of Wayne, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senators: BERUBE of  
Androscoggin, LONGLEY of Waldo.

2           **Sec. 1. Rulemaking. Resolved:** That by January 1, 2000 the  
3 Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to lengthen the  
4 period of time in the Medical Eligibility Determination  
5 Assessment, so-called MED '96, in which the assessment considers  
6 a person's cognition, behavior and need for professional nursing  
7 services and special treatments and therapies. The rules must  
8 require that the time period be extended from 7 to 14 days.  
9 Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical  
10 rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter  
11 375, subchapter II-A.

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### SUMMARY

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15           This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to  
16 adopt rules to lengthen from 7 to 14 days the assessment period  
for MED '96 assessments for long-term care services.