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No. 1744

H.P. 1215

House of Representatives, March 9, 1999

**An Act to Allow Child-placing Agencies to License Preadoptive Homes
as Foster Care Homes for a Child Placed in that Home Awaiting Adoption.**

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 TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator MURRAY of Penobscot and
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, DUGAY of Cherryfield, MAILHOT of Lewiston,
McKEE of Wayne, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, WILLIAMS of
Orono.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8206 is enacted to read:**

6 **§8206. Preadoptive homes as foster homes**

8 **1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.**

10 **A. "Foster home" means a child's home that is a private dwelling where substitute parental care is provided within a family on a regular, 24-hour-a-day, residential basis.**

12 **B. "Preadoptive parent" means a person who has entered into an agreement with a licensed private child-placing agency that has certified the person as a potential adoptive parent who will accept a child into care with the intent to adopt that child.**

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20 **2. Home certification. Pursuant to rules adopted by the department, a licensed private child-placing agency may certify a preadoptive parent's home as a foster home for a child placed in that home awaiting adoption by the preadoptive parent. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.**

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30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill permits a licensed child-placing agency to
34 designate a preadoptive parent's home as a foster home for the
36 purpose of placing the child to be adopted in that home prior to finalization of the adoption. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules to carry out this provision.