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An Act to Improve the Lives of People with Disabilities.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHNEIDER of Durham.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-H is enacted to read:
4	<u>§5107-H. Certain family members as personal care assistants</u>
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8	An individual eligible for personal care assistance services under section 5107-C, including consumer-directed personal care assistance services, may hire certain family members as personal
10	care assistants to the degree permitted by federal law. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules
12	adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.
14	Sec. 2. Rulemaking; retroactive. Rules adopted by the
16	Department of Human Services to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-H apply retroactively to the
18	date that federal law authorizing the hiring of certain family members as personal care assistants was effective.
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22	SUMMARY
24	This bill authorizes an individual eligible for the consumer-directed personal assistance services program to hire
26	certain family members as personal assistants to the degree permitted by federal law retroactively to the date the federal
28	law was effective. This bill directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules to implement this provision.