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Resolve, to Promote More Flexible Use of the Long-term Care Workforce.

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

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Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.

Preamble. Whereas, Maine is committed to supporting disabled persons of all ages to remain in their homes and communities to the maximum extent feasible; and

Whereas, there is a critical shortage of licensed nursing personnel to assist consumers with medication administration and other health-related tasks in the home; and

Whereas, this shortage of licensed staff also extends to 10 licensed facility settings such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities; and

Whereas, the State Board of Nursing has the authority to determine which tasks licensed nurses may delegate to unlicensed persons; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Review of rules. Resolved: That the State Board of Nursing shall undertake a timely review of its rules in order to identify how those rules might be amended to allow broader delegation, with reasonable requirements to ensure consumer safety; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the State Board of Nursing shall report the results of its review, including the progress of any proposed rulemaking, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2002.

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## SUMMARY

This resolve directs the State Board of Nursing to review 32 its rules to identify how those rules might be amended to allow broader delegation.

This resolve also directs the State Board of Nursing to report the results of its review, including the progress of any proposed rulemaking, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than February 1, 2002.