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120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2002

Legislative Document

No. 1913

S.P. 711

In Senate, December 17, 2001

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Health Care Workforce Steering Committee.

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President Pro Tem MICHAUD of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and

Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock, LONGLEY of Waldo,
MARTIN of Aroostook, SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: FULLER of Manchester,
MAYO of Bath.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §20 is enacted to read:

§20. Health Care Workforce Leadership Council

The Health Care Workforce Leadership Council, referred to in this section as the "council," is established to provide input on all policy initiatives, laws and rules concerning the skilled health care workforce to the commissioner and to the Bureau of Medical Services, which shall provide to the council necessary staff support. The "skilled health care workforce" consists of those health care workers, other than physicians, who require a postsecondary education to work in the health care industry. The council's goal is to ensure an adequate supply of skilled health care workers to the State's health care industry, including hospitals, nursing facilities, physicians' offices and other outpatient service providers and home care service providers.

1. Membership; appointments. The council consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. Four members must be representatives of the State's health care industry;

B. Three members must be from postsecondary educational institutions that offer training for skilled health care workers, and at least one of these must be from a private postsecondary educational institution;

C. One member must be from a professional organization that represents skilled health care workers; and

D. One member must be from a labor organization that represents skilled health care workers.

2. Terms. By August 1, 2002, the Governor shall appoint 3 members to initial one-year terms on the council, 3 members to initial 2-year terms and 3 members to initial 3-year terms. After the initial appointments all members serve terms of 3 years.

3. Meetings. By September 1, 2002, The Governor or the Governor's designee shall convene the first meeting of the council, at which the members shall elect a chair from among the members of the council. The council shall meet at least once each month.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill creates the Health Care Workforce Leadership
6 Council to address the shortage of skilled health care workers in
 the State. The council is composed of members from health care
 employers, health care workers and public and private
 postsecondary educational institutions.