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H.P. 1544

House of Representatives, January 2, 2002

**An Act to Enhance Consumer-directed Personal Assistance Services for
Maine Citizens 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.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative QUINT of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, SCHNEIDER of Durham.

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

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Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1412-C, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. F, §13, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

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The Bureau of Rehabilitation Services is the lead agency for providing consumer-directed personal assistance services to citizens of this State with disabilities. The bureau shall administer state-funded and Medicaid-funded, consumer-directed personal assistance services programs for people with disabilities and shall ensure that these services are delivered in the most comprehensive manner possible. The bureau shall adopt rules to aid in the administration of these programs. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A. The bureau shall ensure the full participation of people with disabilities in the process of adopting these rules.

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SUMMARY

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