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H.P. 69

House of Representatives, January 16, 2003

An Act to Promote Public Awareness of Parkinson's Disease

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative KANE of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUDLEY of Portland, EARLE of Damariscotta,
O'BRIEN of Augusta, O'NEIL of Saco, PERCY of Phippsburg, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

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Sec. 1. Education regarding Parkinson's disease. By January 1, 2004, the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall undertake a comprehensive program of education regarding Parkinson's disease. In designing and implementing the program, the department shall work with the boards of licensure of the health care professions, statewide associations providing health care information and training and the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services within the department. The program must include education for emergency workers and first responders; professional and paraprofessional health care personnel; public safety, law enforcement and correctional personnel; public transportation personnel; and crisis intervention personnel. The program must provide education on Parkinson's disease and responses to crisis situations for persons with Parkinson's disease.

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to undertake an education initiative regarding Parkinson's disease. The initiative provides training to a wide variety of health care, public service and law enforcement personnel.