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House of Representatives, January 21, 2003

Resolve, Regarding the Regulation of Home Day Care and Summer Camps

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CRESSEY of Baldwin, DAVIS of Falmouth, TRAHAN of
Waldoboro.

Sec. 1. Rulemaking. Resolved: That, by July 1, 2004, the
2 Department of Human Services shall adopt rules regarding home day
care providers and summer camps. Rules adopted pursuant to this
4 resolve are major substantive rules as defined in the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The
6 rules must include the following provisions.

8 1. For home day care providers the number of children who
may be cared for must equal the number of children the provider
10 is licensed to care for even if one child is an infant.

12 2. For home day care providers the number of children who
may be cared for may exceed the number of children the provider
14 is licensed to care for by 4 during times of shift changes and
unexpected events, such as unscheduled school closings, for a
16 time period of up to 150 consecutive minutes at any one time.

18 3. The rules for summer camps must be identical to the
rules for home day care providers.
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22 SUMMARY

24 This resolve directs the Department of Human Services to
adopt rules regarding home day care providers and summer camps.
26 The rules are major substantive rules. The rules must change the
treatment of infants in the staffing ratios, allow more
28 flexibility in times of shift changes and other unexpected events
and make summer camp rules the same as home day care rules.