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H.P. 1294

House of Representatives, December 22, 2003

An Act To Revise the Frequency of Home Health Licensing Surveys

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Speaker COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, KANE of Saco, RICHARDSON of Brunswick,
WALCOTT of Lewiston, Senators: BRENNAN of Cumberland, MAYO of Sagadahoc,
ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, WESTON of Waldo.

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2144, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 570, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. The term of a full license may not exceed 24 months.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2144, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 570, is amended to read:

D. Regardless of the term of the license, the department shall monitor for continued compliance with applicable laws and rules on at least ~~an--annual~~ a biennial basis. The department shall adopt rules, which are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, regarding terms of licenses.

SUMMARY

This bill allows home health care providers to be licensed on a biennial basis. It directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules regarding terms of licenses. The bill also repeals an obsolete provision of law providing for the staggering of terms of licenses during the 2-year period commencing July 1, 1984.