

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 124

House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

### **An Act To Limit Recertification of Nursing Facility Residents to One Regulatory Organization**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MARRACHÉ of Waterville.  
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and  
Representatives: CROSTHWAITE of Ellsworth, CURLEY of Scarborough, GROSE of  
Woolwich, PERRY of Calais, PINGREE of North Haven.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-I, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

6 4. **Limitation.** The assessment procedure required by this  
8 section must be interpreted by the department to require periodic  
10 certification of eligibility for residents of nursing facilities  
12 who have end-stage diseases or who are terminally ill by either  
14 the department or the federal Department of Health and Human  
16 Services. If a federally required assessment of eligibility for  
18 services is completed to cover an eligibility period similar to  
20 the state eligibility period, assessment under this section must  
be waived by the department.

### SUMMARY

18 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human  
20 Services to accept assessments of eligibility for nursing  
facility services completed for federal purposes for persons with  
end-stage diseases and persons who are terminally ill.