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House of Representatives, January 25, 2005

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish Health Care as a Right

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford. Cosponsored by Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DUDLEY of Portland, EDER of Portland, GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, O'BRIEN of Lewiston, PARADIS of Frenchville, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

	Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each
2	branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:
4	Constitution, Art. I, §6-B is enacted to read:
6	Constitution, That i, go b is chacted to read.
	Section 6-B. Right to health care. All citizens have a
8	natural and unalienable right to health care as necessary to
	achieve and maintain the maximum level of health.
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14	Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall
16	notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding
18	a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of
20	this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:
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24	"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to establish health care as a constitutional right?"
26	The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
28	cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
30	counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
32	votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
34	are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
36	Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation; and be it further
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	Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the
40	Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
	and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
42	necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.
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	SUMMARY
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	This resolution proposes to amend the Constitution of Maine

to establish health care as a constitutional right.

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