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122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2005

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No. 401

S.P. 125

In Senate, January 25, 2005

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services
To Develop a Proposal To Create the Office of Minority Health**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative TWOMEY of Biddeford and
Senators: HOBBS of York, MARTIN of Aroostook, MAYO of Sagadahoc, RAYE of
Washington, SULLIVAN of York, Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, CRAVEN of
Lewiston, PINGREE of North Haven.

Sec. 1. Review of issues; development of proposal. Resolved: That
2 the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine the
3 issues surrounding minority health, including the gaps in health
4 status among citizens of the State of different racial and ethnic
5 groups. In conducting its review, the department may invite the
6 participation of interested stakeholders. Based on its review of
7 the issues, the department shall develop a proposal to create the
8 Office of Minority Health within the Department of Health and
9 Human Services; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Submission of proposal. Resolved: That, no later than
11 November 2, 2005, the Department of Health and Human Services
12 shall submit its proposal, along with any necessary implementing
13 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of
14 the 122nd Legislature. The department is authorized to introduce
15 a bill related to its proposal to the Second Regular Session of
16 the 122nd Legislature at the time of submission of its proposal.
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20 SUMMARY

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22 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human
23 Services to develop a proposal to create the Office of Minority
24 Health within the department and to submit its proposal to the
Second Regular Session of the 122nd Legislature.