

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 329

House of Representatives, January 27, 2005

### **An Act To Simplify Application for Benefits and Services under the Department of Health and Human Services**

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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 HUTTON of Bowdoinham.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston,  
Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to allow a first-time applicant for  
12 benefits or services under the Department of Health and Human  
14 Services to make application in person, when so required, at a  
16 location geographically and physically nearer the applicant's  
18 place of residence. Rather than requiring the applicant to  
20 travel to an office whose location is based on political  
subdivisions, under this bill, in-person applications could be  
made either at the service center community nearest the  
applicant's residence or at other convenient locations at times  
designated by the department when an agent of the department will  
be on-site and available for helping people through the  
application process.