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Resolve, To Improve Medical Eligibility Assessments for Long-term Care Consumers

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ANDREWS of York. Cosponsored by Speaker RICHARDSON of Brunswick and Senator: ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: BOWLES of Sanford, CAMPBELL of Newfield, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport. Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to develop mental health assessment screen. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules to develop a mental health assessment screen to be used in the needs assessment of applicants for long-term care services under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-I, subsection 1; and be it further

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to develop data collection process. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop an efficient, cost-effective data collection process to identify consumers in need of mental health services in long-term care settings; and be it further

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Sec. 3. Department of Health and Human Services to convene working group. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a working group of interested parties to assist the department in developing a mental health assessment screen as part of the needs assessment of applicants for long-term care services and a data collection process to identify consumers in need of mental health services in long-term care settings; and be it further

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report on its progress in developing a mental health assessment screen as part of the needs assessment of applicants for, and a data collection process to identify consumers in need of mental health services in, long-term care settings, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than February 1, 2006.

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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human 38 Services to:

40 1. Adopt rules to develop a mental health assessment screen to be used in the needs assessment of applicants for long-term
42 care services;

2. Develop an efficient, cost-effective data collection process to identify consumers in need of mental health services
 in all long-term care settings;

Convene a working group of interested parties to assist the department in developing a mental health assessment screen as
 part of the needs assessment of applicants for long-term care

services and a data collection process to identify consumers in 2 need of mental health services in long-term care settings; and

4 4. Submit a report on its progress in developing a mental health assessment screen as part of the needs assessment of
6 applicants for, and a data collection process to identify consumers in need of mental health services in, long-term care
8 settings, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and
10 human services matters no later than February 1, 2006.