

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, February 10, 2005

**An Act To Designate the Department of Health and Human Services
as the Official State Agency Responsible for Programs for Persons
Affected by Brain Injury**

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 MARTIN of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Senators: MAYO of Sagadahoc, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives:
PINGREE of North Haven, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3089** is enacted to read:

6 **§3089. Acquired brain injury services**

8 The department is designated as the official state agency
10 responsible for acquired brain injury services and programs. The
12 commissioner shall appoint an acquired brain injury advisory
14 council to advise the department on all matters related to the
16 administration of acquired brain injury programs and services.
18 Membership on the council must be broadly representative of
20 persons with acquired brain injury and their families and
22 providers of services to persons with acquired brain injury and
24 their families.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill designates the Department of Health and Human
30 Services as the official state agency responsible for acquired
brain injury services and programs. It directs the Commissioner
of Health and Human Services to appoint an acquired brain injury
advisory council to advise the department on all matters related
to the administration of acquired brain injury programs and
services. It requires that membership on the council be broadly
representative of persons with acquired brain injury and their
families and providers of services to persons with acquired brain
injury and their families.