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An Act To Increase Eligibility for the Dirigo Health Program

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CONOVER of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRAUTIGAM of Falmouth, BRYANT of
Windham, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PERRY of Calais, PIOTTI of Unity, SMITH of
Monmouth, Senator: BARTLETT of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6903, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. A, §8, is
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Eligible employee.** "Eligible employee" means an employee of an eligible
5 business who works at least ~~20~~ 10 hours per week for that eligible business. "~~Eligible~~
6 The board shall, by rule, define "eligible employee" does not to permit an eligible
7 business to include an employee who works on a temporary or, substitute basis or who
8 does not work more than 26 weeks annually seasonal basis if inclusion of such employee
9 does not result in reduction or elimination of coverage or reduction of hours for eligible
10 employees of an eligible business working more than 10 hours per week.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill reduces the number of hours an employee of an eligible business must work
13 per week from 20 to 10 in order to be eligible to enroll in the Dirigo Health Program.
14 The bill also requires the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health to adopt a rule that allows
15 an eligible business to include employees who work on a temporary, substitute or
16 seasonal basis as eligible to enroll in the Dirigo Health Program so long as inclusion of
17 such employees does not result in the reduction of hours or the reduction or elimination
18 of coverage for eligible employees working more than 10 hours per week.