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### **An Act To Provide Gambling Addiction Counseling Services through the Office of Substance Abuse**

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Submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.  
Cosponsored by Senator MARRACHÉ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich, WALCOTT of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20002**, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §13, is amended to read:

3 **§20002. Purpose**

4 The purposes of this Act are:

5 **1. Integrated and comprehensive approach.** To adopt an integrated approach to  
6 the problem of alcohol and other drug abuse and to focus all the varied resources of the  
7 State on developing a comprehensive and effective range of alcohol and other drug abuse  
8 prevention and treatment activities and services; ~~and~~

9 **2. Single administrative unit.** To establish a single administrative unit within the  
10 Department of Health and Human Services, with responsibility for planning, developing,  
11 implementing, coordinating and evaluating all of the State's alcohol and other drug abuse  
12 prevention and treatment activities and services;

13 **3. Tobacco use by juveniles.** To enforce the State's laws relating to the sale and use  
14 of tobacco products by juveniles and to coordinate state and local activities related to  
15 those provisions. The office shall take all necessary actions to ensure compliance with  
16 the Synar Act, 42 United States Code 300X-26, including the preparations of reports for  
17 the signature of the Governor. All law enforcement agencies, all state departments,  
18 including the Department of Public Safety, and municipalities shall cooperate with the  
19 office in these efforts.

20 The office may enter into any contracts or agreements necessary or incidental to the  
21 performance of its duties under this section, subject to section 20005, subsection 6 and  
22 section 20005-A. The office shall provide or assist in the provision of voluntary training  
23 programs regarding the sales of tobacco products to juveniles; ~~and~~

24 **4. Gambling addiction counseling.** To establish standards for the provision of  
25 gambling addiction counseling services and other activities relating to the prevention and  
26 treatment of gambling addiction. The office may accept private, state and federal funds  
27 to support the performance of its duties under this subsection.

28 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20003, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 601, §4, is further  
29 amended to read:

30 **4. Community service provider.** "Community service provider" means a provider  
31 of alcohol or drug abuse treatment or gambling addiction treatment, including, but not  
32 limited to, evaluation.

33 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§6, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. L, §5  
34 and affected by §16, is further amended to read:

35 A. Administer all contracts with community service providers for the delivery of  
36 alcohol and drug abuse services; ~~and~~

37 **Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§6, ¶A-1** is enacted to read:

