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An Act To Provide Regional Coordination and Planning for Public Health Programs and Activities

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA c. 1, sub-c. 2, art. 7** is enacted to read:

3 **ARTICLE 7**

4 **PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES**

5 **§131. Creation of regional public health coordinating councils**

6 **1. County commissioners authorized.** County commissioners may establish a
7 regional public health coordinating council, referred to as “the council” in this article,
8 formed within each of the following counties or groups of counties:

9 A. York County;

10 B. Cumberland County;

11 C. Aroostook County;

12 D. Penobscot and Piscataquis counties;

13 E. Washington and Hancock counties;

14 F. Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties;

15 G. Androscoggin and Kennebec counties; and

16 H. Franklin, Oxford and Somerset counties.

17 **2. Membership.** County commissioners in each region may determine the
18 membership of each council. Commissioners may authorize municipal officers to appoint
19 members to the council. Where a municipal public health department exists within the
20 region, the county or counties and that municipality may enter into an interlocal
21 agreement to establish the council. Membership must be designed to reflect the health
22 community within the region. Council membership must include a minimum of 12
23 members and must include:

24 A. One county commissioner from each county within the region or designee;

25 B. One county sheriff from within the region or designee;

26 C. One member of the county emergency management agency or designee if an
27 emergency management agency exists within the region;

28 D. One member who is a municipal officer or represents municipalities;

29 E. Representatives of health-related organizations, including hospitals, public health
30 entities, community health coalitions, health care professionals, local Department of
31 Health and Human Services offices and schools within the region; and

32 F. A designee of the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and
33 Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services.

