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An Act To Limit Recertification of Nursing Facility Residents to One Regulatory Organization

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 MARRACHÉ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, NUTTING of Androscoggin,
SCHNEIDER of Penobscot, Representatives: PILON of Saco, VALENTINO of Saco,
WALKER of Lincolnville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-I, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Limitation.** The assessment procedure required by this section must be
4 interpreted by the department to require periodic certification of eligibility for residents of
5 nursing facilities who have end-stage diseases or who are terminally ill by either the
6 department or the federal Department of Health and Human Services. If a federally
7 required assessment of eligibility for services is completed to cover an eligibility period
8 similar to the state eligibility period, assessment under this section must be waived by the
9 department.

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SUMMARY

11 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to accept
12 assessments of eligibility for nursing facility services completed for federal purposes for
13 persons with end-stage diseases and persons who are terminally ill.