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House of Representatives, January 4, 2011

Resolve, To Improve Access to Employment Opportunities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autistic Disorders

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop.

Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and

Representatives: STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, WEBSTER of Freeport.

1 2	Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
3 4 5	Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services amended the MaineCare Benefits Manual to limit the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location; and
6	Whereas, that amendment took effect July 1, 2010; and
7 8	Whereas, persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders have been limited as to where they may work since July 1, 2010; and
9 10 11	Whereas, it is imperative that this resolve take effect immediately so that persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders may return to work as soon as possible, and
12 13 14 15	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it
16 17 18 19 20	Sec. 1. MaineCare Benefits Manual. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual to remove the language that restricts the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location to 50% of a business's workforce at that work site or location.
21 22	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.
23	SUMMARY
24 25 26 27	This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual to remove the language that restricts the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location to 50% of a business's workforce at that work site or location.