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9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 302, L.D. 376, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Complete the Redesign of a Shared Living Program for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities"
12	Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:
13 14	'Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism'
15 16	Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:
17 18	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
19 20	Whereas, shared living is an appropriate and cost-effective option for many adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and autism; and
21 22	Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services began redesign efforts for a shared living program July 1, 2010 and booked savings in this program; and
23 24 25	Whereas, the initial redesign has occurred and substantial actions to clarify respective roles of administering agencies, host families and department employees have occurred; and
26	Whereas, portions of the redesign remain unresolved; and
27 28	Whereas, residential supports for over 450 individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism are critical services that require additional redefinition; and
29 30 31 32	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

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Sec. 1. Redesign. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall continue to work on the redesign of its shared living program that began July 1, 2010 with the stakeholder group that was established by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. The redesign work must include the following:

1. The development of a tiered reimbursement system for host home providers that is within the limits of existing resources and that reflects the intensity of supports required by the individual, based on an objective needs assessment process;

2. Analysis of the efficacy and appropriateness of host families becoming providers of record under MaineCare rules and refinement and clarification of host families being defined as independent contractors;

11 3. Amendment of the rules regarding the MaineCare program home-based and 12 community-based waiver to include a clear definition of shared living services; and

4. Review of the handbook and allocation of responsibilities that took effect October
1, 2010 to assess the progress in properly assigning tasks and responsibilities among host
home providers, oversight agencies and case managers for the Department of Health and
Human Services.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide progress reports to the
 Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the shared living program
 redesign by September 1, 2011 and December 15, 2011.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 21 legislation takes effect when approved.'

SUMMARY This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to work on the redesign of its shared living program and to report on its progress to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by September 1, 2011 and December 15, 2011. FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.