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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

125TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, shared living is an appropriate and cost-effective option for many adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and autism; and

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

Whereas, the initial redesign has occurred and substantial actions to clarify respective roles of administering agencies, host families and department employees have occurred; and

Whereas, portions of the redesign remain unresolved; and

Whereas, residential supports for over 450 individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism are critical services that require additional redefinition; and

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



Approved: 03/22/11 *MAC*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 376

LR 912(02)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Complete the Redesign of a Shared Living Program for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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.