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House of Representatives, March 3, 2011

**Resolve, To Improve the Training and Retention of Maine's
Professional Direct Care and Personal Supports Workforce**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative PETERSON of Rumford.
Cosponsored by Representative SANBORN of Gorham and
Representatives: EVES of North Berwick, STUCKEY of Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Information about career development and training provided to**
2 **professional direct care and personal supports workers. Resolved:** That the
3 Department of Health and Human Services shall work with the Department of Labor to
4 develop materials and provide information about professional and career development,
5 training and related credentialing and certification to all professional direct care and
6 personal supports workers. The Department of Health and Human Services and the
7 Department of Labor shall provide materials to employers, trainers and consumers to be
8 made available to workers at no cost to the State. This information must be developed to
9 ensure that all workers, including but not limited to certified nurse aides, personal support
10 specialists, direct support professionals and certified residential medication aides, are
11 afforded the opportunity to maintain and improve their skills in order that overall quality
12 of care may be improved.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services and the
15 Department of Labor to develop and to provide information about professional and career
16 development, training and related credentialing and certification to all professional direct
17 care and personal supports workers.