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H.P. 797

House of Representatives, March 15, 2011

An Act To Ensure Access to Certain Health Care Services for Children

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

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Millinocket.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BOLDUC of Auburn, DRISCOLL of
Westbrook, GOODE of Bangor, THERIAULT of Madawaska, TREAT of Hallowell, Senator:
JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to ensure access to health care for children by:

6 1. Allowing a child who does not have health care coverage to see a medical
7 specialist free of charge; and

8 2. Allowing the child to continue to be seen and treated by that specialist, if the
9 medical condition is one that can be treated by that specialist, for a small fee based only
10 on income, such as actual wages earned by the child's parent or guardian or general
11 assistance provided to the child or the child's parent or guardian. Unearned income, such
12 as interest and dividends, savings, retirement plans, pensions, unemployment or workers'
13 compensation benefits and the value of property owned by the child or the parent or
14 guardian of the child, would not be includable for purposes of determining the fee to be
15 paid to the specialist.