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H.P. 858

House of Representatives, March 17, 2011

**Resolve, To Promote Education Regarding Parkinson's Disease
among Health Care and Emergency Personnel**

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 HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and
Representatives: KAENRATH of South Portland, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MORRISON of
South Portland, PETERSON of Rumford, RANKIN of Hiram, ROCHELO of Biddeford,
SANBORN of Gorham, STUCKEY of Portland.

1 **Sec. 1. Education regarding Parkinson's disease. Resolved:** That the
2 Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and
3 Prevention shall undertake an educational initiative regarding Parkinson's disease to
4 increase understanding among health care and emergency personnel by July 1, 2012. The
5 initiative must include training on Parkinson's disease and its symptoms and appropriate
6 responses to individuals with Parkinson's disease with whom health care and emergency
7 personnel come into contact professionally that is in addition to current training
8 requirements. In developing the initiative, the Maine Center for Disease Control and
9 Prevention shall work collaboratively with the boards of licensure in the health care
10 professions, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, public
11 transportation providers and crisis intervention personnel. Informational materials
12 developed under the initiative must be used to update and supplement materials used in
13 the information and referral service on Parkinson's Syndrome required pursuant to the
14 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1641.

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SUMMARY

16 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center
17 for Disease Control and Prevention to undertake an educational initiative regarding
18 Parkinson's disease to increase understanding among health care and emergency
19 personnel by July 1, 2012. The initiative must include training on Parkinson's disease and
20 its symptoms and appropriate responses. The Maine Center for Disease Control and
21 Prevention is directed to work collaboratively with the boards of licensure in the health
22 care professions, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, public
23 transportation providers and crisis intervention personnel. Informational materials
24 developed under the initiative must be used in the information and referral service on
25 Parkinson's Syndrome.