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Resolve, To Convene a Task Force To Study Staffing Ratios and Issues for Nursing Homes and Residential Care Facilities

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

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JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

1 Sec. 1. Staffing ratios; study. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and 2 Human Services shall convene a task force to review the development of new criteria to 3 be used in establishing revised staffing ratios for nursing homes and residential care facilities in the State, specifically reviewing the option of a new category of health care 4 workers qualified and certified to provide certain staffing services in both types of 5 6 facilities. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall invite the participation 7 of interested parties, including but not limited to health care providers in nursing homes 8 and residential care facilities; and be it further

9 Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 7, 2011, the 10 Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report the findings of the task force 11 under section 1 along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee 12 on Health and Human Services. The committee may submit a bill related to the report to 13 the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to convene a task force to review the development of new criteria to be used in establishing revised staffing ratios for nursing homes and residential care facilities in the State, specifically reviewing the option of a new category of care workers qualified and certified to provide certain staffing services in both types of facilities. The commissioner is required to report the findings of the task force along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

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