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In Senate, February 19, 2013

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Amend Its Rules To Improve the Oral Health Education of Children

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

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot. Cosponsored by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford and

Senators: CAIN of Penobscot, COLLINS of York, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, SAVIELLO of Franklin, TUTTLE of York, Representatives: PRINGLE of Windham, STUCKEY of Portland.

Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules to require a child care provider licensed in the State to assist children in a toothbrushing exercise whenever the children are in the provider's care for more than 4 hours or consume a meal while in the provider's care.

The rules must require that each child use an individual, labeled toothbrush that is stored in a safe and sanitary manner and open to the air without touching other toothbrushes.

8 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules to require a child care provider to assist children in brushing their teeth as a part of a daily curriculum.