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House of Representatives, April 16, 2015

**Resolve, To Increase the Reimbursement Rate for Direct-care
Workers Serving Adults with Long-term Care Needs**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Speaker EVES of North Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and
Representatives: ESPLING of New Gloucester, GOODE of Bangor, McCREIGHT of
Harpwell, McELWEE of Caribou, SAUCIER of Presque Isle.

Sec. 1. Reimbursement. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall reimburse in-home and community support direct-care service providers based on a uniform rate-setting process that is consistent across types of care and services. The department shall increase reimbursement to providers to a minimum rate of \$25 per hour for providing personal care assistance services as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7302. Of the increase in the rate to providers, at least 85% must be used for wages and employee benefits including health care, mileage reimbursement, training costs and other benefits. The provider shall provide the department with a quarterly report documenting the provider's compliance with this section; the report must be based upon actual, documented expenditures.

SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to increase reimbursement to providers of in-home and community support direct-care services to \$25 per hour of service. Of the increase in the rate to providers, at least 85% must be used for wages and employee benefits including health care, mileage reimbursement, training costs and other benefits.