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128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1097

H.P. 771

House of Representatives, March 21, 2017

**An Act To Develop and Distribute Work Training Pamphlets To
Educate State Agencies, Private Businesses and Other Organizations
about Dementia**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARLOW of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, CAMPBELL of Orrington, HAMANN of South
Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, O'NEIL of Saco, ORDWAY
of Standish, STANLEY of Medway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5107-K** is enacted to read:

3 **§5107-K. Educational program on dementia**

4 **1. Program.** Pursuant to section 5106, subsection 11, the department shall
5 administer an educational program that informs state agencies, municipalities, businesses,
6 religious organizations and others on dementia, including Alzheimer's disease and other
7 dementia-related conditions. The program must provide a training component available
8 on a publicly accessible website and develop a pamphlet for public distribution with
9 information on:

- 10 A. Understanding facts about dementia;
- 11 B. Recognizing signs of dementia in a person;
- 12 C. Communicating and interacting with a person who has dementia;
- 13 D. Creating a dementia-friendly physical space; and
- 14 E. Locating dementia-related resources in the community.

15 **2. Distribution.** The department shall distribute the pamphlet developed pursuant to
16 subsection 1 to all state agencies and offices of the executive, legislative and judicial
17 branches, private businesses and nonprofit organizations and any other person who
18 requests a pamphlet and shall make the pamphlet available on a publicly accessible
19 website.

20 **3. Review.** The department annually shall review the program under this section and
21 make any revision the department determines necessary based upon changes in law,
22 medical advances in understanding and treatment of dementia and other relevant
23 information the department determines appropriate.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to administer an
26 educational program on dementia. The department is required to create a pamphlet to be
27 distributed to state agencies, businesses, nonprofit organizations and others that informs
28 and educates about dementia-related conditions and how to recognize and communicate
29 with persons who have dementia.