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In Senate, March 13, 2018

**An Act Regarding the Limit on the Number of Children Who May
Be Placed in a Single Foster Home**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 629, §2, is amended
3 to read:

4 **1. Number; placement in children's homes.** The limitations on the number of
5 children in children's homes ~~shall~~ do not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed
6 number; if the purpose of the placement is to keep siblings together.

7 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

8 **1-A. Number; placement in family foster home.** The limitation on the number of
9 children in a family foster home does not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed
10 number if the department determines it to be in the best interest of a child.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill allows a family foster home to exceed the limitation on the total number of
13 children in care if the Department of Health and Human Services determines it to be in
14 the best interest of a child.