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An Act Relating to Transportation Services for MaineCare Members with Multiple Disabilities

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMELIN of Chelsea.

| 1  | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:                                  |
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| 2  | Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK is enacted to read:  |
| 3  | §3174-KKK. Transportation services for MaineCare members with multiple                         |
| 4  | <u>disabilities</u>  |
| 5  | 1. Requirements. A provider of a transportation service covered by the MaineCare               |
| 6  | program to a member of the MaineCare program with multiple disabilities shall:                 |
| 7  | A. Ensure that a vehicle transporting the MaineCare member is equipped in a manner             |
| 8  | that accommodates the member's disabilities safely;  |
| 9  | B. Ensure that the driver is physically capable of assisting the MaineCare member in           |
| 10 | the event of an emergency; and   |
| 11 | C. To the extent possible, provide consistency in drivers.                                     |
| 12 | 2. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules               |
| 13 | adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter |
| 14 | 375, subchapter 2-A.   |
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| 15 | SUMMARY  |
| 16 | This bill requires that transportation services provided to members of the MaineCare           |
| 17 | program who have multiple disabilities ensure that a vehicle transporting the MaineCare        |
| 18 | member is equipped in a manner that accommodates the member's disabilities safely,             |
| 19 | ensure that the driver is physically capable of assisting the member in the event of an        |
| 20 | emergency and, to the extent possible, provide consistency in drivers.                         |