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Resolve, to Reduce Workforce Barriers for Mental Health Professionals in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, GRAHAM of North Yarmouth, MADIGAN of
Waterville, PERRY of Calais.

1 to a minimum of 60 credit hours in a related field, 90 credit hours in an unrelated field or a
2 high school diploma or equivalent with training and oversight as determined by the
3 Department of Health and Human Services in addition to the training provided for
4 certification as a behavioral health professional. It requires the department to amend or
5 establish contracts for training behavioral health professionals to train any number of
6 additional individuals within existing resources and authorizes the department to opt to
7 charge individuals or their employers fees for training.

8 The resolve also requires the department to amend its guidelines regarding certification
9 for mental health rehabilitation technician/community technicians so that an individual
10 who has completed a 4-year postsecondary educational degree program in a mental health-
11 related field or a graduate degree in a mental health-related field does not have to meet all
12 8 competency domains in the training contracted from the department as long as the
13 individual has met the 3 priority domains.