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6. Review falls prevention initiatives for community-based settings, including: the Senior Fall Prevention Screening Kit, Minnesota; Slips, Trips and Falls - Avoid Them All - Designing and Implementing a Community Based Multifactorial Falls Reduction Intervention Program, New Hampshire; Health, Education, Research Outreach for Seniors - Reducing Falls and Serious Injuries, Temple University; and the Connecticut Collaboration for Fall Prevention, Yale School of Medicine; and

7. Examine the components and key elements of the above falls prevention initiatives, consider their applicability in Maine and develop strategies for pilot testing, implementation and evaluation; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report effects of falls on older adults in Maine. Resolved: That the Falls Prevention Coalition shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, no later than November 2, 2006 that includes findings under section 1, recommendations and suggested legislation. The report must include recommendations for:

1. A statewide demonstration project assessing the utility of targeted fall risk screening and referral programs;

2. Intervention approaches, including physical activity, medication assessment and reduction of medication when possible, vision enhancement and home-modification strategies;

3. Programs that are targeted to fall victims who are at a high risk for 2nd falls and that are designed to maximize independence and quality of life for older adults, particularly those older adults with functional limitations; and

4. Programs that encourage partnerships to prevent falls among older adults and prevent or reduce injuries when falls occur.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may report out legislation related to the report to the First Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 150

H.P. 1315 - L.D. 1875

Resolve, Regarding Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Sec. 1. Rules amendment. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse shall amend the rules regarding substance abuse services for persons receiving opioid treatment to:

1. With regard to the amount of counseling required of a participant in an opioid treatment program, increase the amount of counseling during the initial months of treatment, tapering to less frequent counseling as treatment progresses;

2. With regard to the process for relicensing an opioid treatment program, provide for opportunity for public input; and

3. With regard to the process for licensing an opioid treatment program, require consideration of the need for opioid treatment in the community or region, based on a needs assessment performed by the Office of Substance Abuse that analyzes drug use and treatment patterns for a number of years prior to the date of application for licensure.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 151

S.P. 766 - L.D. 1986

Resolve, To Name the New Bridge over the Penobscot River

Sec. 1. Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory Tower. Resolved: That the new bridge crossing the Penobscot River on U.S. Route 1 that replaces the Waldo-Hancock Bridge between the towns of Prospect and Verona Island and the westerly tower at the entrance to the bridge in Prospect be named the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory Tower; and be it further

Sec. 2. Signs erected. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall erect signs in both directions of access to the bridge that indicate the name under section 1.

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