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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Lewiston, Maine**

**2006**

noncategorical members for purposes of appropriate clinical planning;

2. Establishing and implementing prior authorization processes to aid in ensuring that a noncategorical member's remaining service availability is not exhausted within any given calendar year;

3. Creating criteria for necessary clinical justification for exceeding the calendar year limit of outpatient services. The department may increase the maximum number of visits for outpatient mental health services, excluding visits for medication management, to 24 visits in a 12-month period as long as any cost associated with this increase is offset by savings from managing the utilization of this service by methods that may include prior authorization;

4. Developing systems to enable providers to identify the eligibility category of noncategorical members, the members' enrollment dates and the members' recertification dates;

5. Developing systems for transition planning for noncategorical members who leave or become ineligible for the MaineCare program; and

6. Providing a priority reinstatement process for certain noncategorical members who have good cause for failing to recertify their eligibility or placement on the waiting list in a timely manner.

The department may adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, as needed to implement this section.

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**CHAPTER 187**

**H.P. 1338 - L.D. 1897**

**Resolve, To Direct the Public Utilities Commission To Examine Continued Participation by Transmission and Distribution Utilities in This State in the New England Regional Transmission Organization**

**Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to examine continued participation by transmission and distribution utilities in New England regional transmission organization. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall undertake an inquiry to determine the legal options for and costs and benefits of directing or otherwise causing transmission and distribution utilities in this State to withdraw from the New England regional transmission organization. The Public Utilities Commission must examine other reasonable options for providing for the

functions currently provided by the New England regional transmission organization. The commission may, as the commission determines appropriate, explore any options involving Canadian governments, agencies or other authorities. The commission also may, as the commission determines appropriate, explore any options involving other states, governments or agencies within the United States. The commission shall conduct the inquiry in accordance with commission rules governing inquiries, except that the sole purpose of the inquiry is to produce findings and recommendations for consideration by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters. The Legislature retains final authority to make policy decisions on the subject matter of this resolve based on any recommendations of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved:** That the Public Utilities Commission shall issue an interim report on the status of its inquiry pursuant to section 1 and any preliminary findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters by January 1, 2007. The joint standing committee may request additional interim reports from the commission as the joint standing committee determines appropriate. The commission shall issue a final report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee by January 1, 2008.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters may report out legislation on the subject matter of this resolve to the First Regular Session or the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184**

Initiative: Allocates funds for one limited-period Utility Analyst position, required contractual services and general operating expenses to carry out the purposes of this Act. This limited-period position will end no later than January 2, 2008.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>		
<b>FUNDS</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$94,070
All Other	\$0	\$123,394
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>FUNDS TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$217,464

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