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CHAPTER 105
H.P. 295 - L.D. 365

**Resolve, To Promote
Community Integration for
Individuals with Brain Injuries**

Sec. 1. Community integration Medicaid waiver. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall:

1. Complete a comprehensive plan to address the needs of persons with disabilities due to brain injuries by January 1, 2008 that addresses:

- A. Current and future gaps in services;
- B. Advances in medical, rehabilitative knowledge and technologies; and
- C. Models of effective, evidence-based practices and efficient approaches that respond to the wide range of needs of persons with brain injuries and their families.

The planning process shall provide information to and seek input from a broadly representative group of interested parties, including MaineCare members with brain injuries, families and friends of MaineCare members with brain injuries, advocates for people with brain injuries and providers of services to persons with brain injuries. The department shall also include all other agencies that provide services to people with brain injuries. The planning process shall include a thorough evaluation of waiver or any other Medicaid programs from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that will promote community integration for individuals with brain injuries, as well as a thorough evaluation of services available to people with brain injuries under MaineCare.

2. Provide reports to the Legislature by January 15, 2008, January 15, 2009 and April 15, 2009 regarding its progress implementing the elements of the plan; and be it further

Sec. 2. Authorization. Resolved: That the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to submit legislation regarding services to persons with brain injuries to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 106
S.P. 580 - L.D. 1675

**Resolve, Regarding Full, Fair
and Nondiscriminatory Access
to the Internet**

Preamble. Whereas, the Legislature finds that the development and continued enhancement of advanced communications technology in the State is vital to economic development; and

Whereas, full, fair and nondiscriminatory access to the Internet is critical to the ability of Maine citizens to participate in the information economy and is an important element of citizens' access to information necessary to their roles as informed participants in our nation's democracy; and

Whereas, regulation of the Internet is generally viewed as principally a matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government; and

Whereas, the interests of the State of Maine and its citizens must be vigorously protected; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Monitoring state and federal activity relating to Internet access regulations. Resolved: That the Office of the Public Advocate shall take the following actions to monitor and review state and federal activity on issues relating to full, fair and nondiscriminatory access to the Internet. The Office of the Public Advocate shall:

1. Evaluate the actions of the Federal Communications Commission, the United States Congress and other appropriate agencies of government with respect to ensuring that citizens' rights to full, fair and nondiscriminatory access to the Internet are not impeded;

2. Monitor the Federal Communication Commission's inquiry into broadband industry practices, FCC-07-31, WC Docket No. 07-52;

3. Collect information on legislative and regulatory actions of other states on these issues;

4. Review the State's telecommunications and technology policies, including the ConnectME Authority established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9203, and evaluate the extent to which those policies are encouraging adequate investment in technology infrastructure to support a strong Internet system and continued expansion of broadband access in this State; and

5. Review the extent of the State's authority to protect the rights of users of the Internet in the State to full, fair and nondiscriminatory access to the Internet; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2008, the Office of the Public Advocate