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standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the progress in implementing consolidation of long-term care services under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1622-A.

Sec. 4. Report regarding feasibility of inclusion of services for persons with mental health needs and intellectual disabilities needs. By January 5, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the feasibility of the inclusion of services for persons with mental health needs and intellectual disabilities needs in the consolidation of long-term care services under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1622-A in fiscal years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 423

S.P. 205 - L.D. 624

An Act To Require a Person Who Commits a Sex Offense against a Dependent or Incapacitated Adult To Register under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 1999

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§2, ¶I, as amended by PL 2001, c. 383, §16 and affected by §156, is further amended to read:

I. The actor is a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker or purports to be a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker to the other person and the other person, not the actor's spouse, is a patient or client for mental health therapy of the actor. As used in this paragraph, "mental health therapy" means psychotherapy or other treatment modalities intended to change behavior, emotions or attitudes, which therapy is based upon an intimate relationship involving trust and dependency with a substantial potential for vulnerability and abuse. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§2, ¶J, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §25, is amended to read:

J. The actor owns, operates or is an employee of an organization, program or residence that is operated, administered, licensed or funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the other person, not the actor's spouse, receives services from the organization, program or resi-

dence and the organization, program or residence recognizes the other person as a person with mental retardation. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this paragraph that the actor receives services for mental retardation or is a person with mental retardation as defined in Title 34-B, section 5001, subsection 3. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§2, ¶¶K and L are enacted to read:

K. The actor owns, operates or is an employee of an organization, program or residence that is operated, administered, licensed or funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the other person, not the actor's spouse, receives services from the organization, program or residence and suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; or

L. The actor is employed to provide care to a dependent person, who is not the actor's spouse or domestic partner and who is unable to perform self-care because of advanced age or physical or mental disease, disorder or defect. For the purposes of this paragraph, "domestic partners" means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under a long-term arrangement that evidences a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §255-A, sub-§1, ¶¶R-1 and R-2 are enacted to read:

R-1. The actor owns, operates or is an employee of an organization, program or residence that is operated, administered, licensed or funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the other person, not the actor's spouse, receives services from the organization, program or residence and suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;

R-2. The actor owns, operates or is an employee of an organization, program or residence that is operated, administered, licensed or funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the other person, not the actor's spouse, receives services from the organization, program or residence and suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor and the sexual contact includes penetration. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime;

Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §255-A, sub-§1, ¶¶U and V, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 450, §2, are amended to read:

U. The actor is a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker or purports to be a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker to the other person and the other person, not the actor's spouse, is a patient or client of the actor for mental health therapy. As used in this paragraph, "mental health therapy" means psychotherapy or other treatment modalities intended to change behavior, emotions or attitudes and based upon an intimate relationship involving trust and dependency with a substantial potential for vulnerability and abuse. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; ~~or~~

V. The actor is a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker or purports to be a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker to the other person and the other person, not the actor's spouse, is a patient or client of the actor for mental health therapy and the sexual contact includes penetration. As used in this paragraph, "mental health therapy" means psychotherapy or other treatment modalities intended to change behavior, emotions or attitudes and based upon an intimate relationship involving trust and dependency with a substantial potential for vulnerability and abuse. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; ~~or~~

Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §255-A, sub-§1, ¶¶W and X are enacted to read:

W. The actor is employed to provide care to a dependent person, who is not the actor's spouse or domestic partner and who is unable to perform self-care because of advanced age or physical or mental disease, disorder or defect. For the purposes of this paragraph, "domestic partners" means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under a long-term arrangement that evidences a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

X. The actor is employed to provide care to a dependent person, who is not the actor's spouse or domestic partner and who is unable to perform self-care because of advanced age or physical or mental disease, disorder or defect and the sexual contact includes penetration. For the purposes of this paragraph, "domestic partners" means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under a long-term arrangement that evidences a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §260, sub-§1, ¶J, as amended by PL 2005, c. 450, §4, is further amended to read:

J. The other person, not the actor's spouse, is in fact less than 18 years of age and is a student enrolled in a private or public elementary, secondary or special education school, facility or institution and the actor, who is at least 21 years of age, is a teacher, employee or other official in the school district, school union, educational unit, school, facility or institution in which the student is enrolled. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; ~~or~~

Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §260, sub-§1, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 450, §5, is amended to read:

K. The actor is a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker or purports to be a psychiatrist, a psychologist or licensed as a social worker to the other person and the other person, not the actor's spouse, is a patient or client of the actor for mental health therapy. As used in this paragraph, "mental health therapy" means psychotherapy or other treatment modalities intended to change behavior, emotions or attitudes and based upon an intimate relationship involving trust and dependency with a substantial potential for vulnerability and abuse. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; ~~or~~

Sec. 9. 17-A MRSA §260, sub-§1, ¶¶L and M are enacted to read:

L. The actor owns, operates or is an employee of an organization, program or residence that is operated, administered, licensed or funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the other person, not the actor's spouse, receives services from the organization, program or residence and suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

M. The actor is employed to provide care to a dependent person, who is not the actor's spouse or domestic partner and who is unable to perform self-care because of advanced age or physical or mental disease, disorder or defect. For the purposes of this paragraph, "domestic partners" means 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under a long-term arrangement that evidences a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime.

Sec. 10. 34-A MRSA §11203, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Sex offense; after October 1, 2011. For persons convicted and sentenced on or after October 1, 2011, "sex offense" means, in addition to the offenses listed in subsection 6, a conviction for one of the following offenses or for an attempt or solicitation of one of the following offenses, without regard to the age of the victim:

A. Title 17-A, section 253, subsection 2, paragraphs J, K and L and Title 17-A, section 255-A, subsection 1, paragraphs C, G, Q, R, R-1, R-2, W and X;

B. A violation in another jurisdiction that includes the essential elements of an offense listed in paragraph A; or

C. A conviction for a military, tribal or federal offense requiring registration pursuant to:

(1) The Jacob Wetterling Crimes Against Children and Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act, also known as the Jacob Wetterling Act, Section 170101 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, as amended; or

(2) The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, Public Law 109-248.

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CHAPTER 424

H.P. 286 - L.D. 360

An Act To Amend the Maine Certificate of Need Act of 2002

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

PART A

Sec. A-1. 22 MRSA §328, sub-§16, as amended by PL 2009, c. 383, §3, is further amended to read:

16. Major medical equipment. "Major medical equipment" means a single unit of medical equipment or a single system of components with related functions used to provide medical and other health services that costs ~~\$1,600,000~~ \$3,200,000 or more. "Major medical equipment" does not include medical equipment acquired by or on behalf of a clinical laboratory to provide clinical laboratory services if the clinical laboratory is independent of a physician's office and a hospital and has been determined to meet the requirements of the United States Social Security Act, Title XVIII, Section 1861(s), paragraphs 10 and 11. In determining whether medical equipment costs more than the threshold provided in this subsection, the cost of studies, surveys, designs, plans, working drawings, specifications and other activities essential to acquiring the equipment must be included. If the equipment is acquired for less than fair market value, the term "cost" includes the fair market value. Beginning January 1, 2013 and annually thereafter, the threshold amount for review must be updated by the commissioner to reflect the change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Con-

sumer Price Index medical care services index, with an effective date of January 1st each year.

Sec. A-2. 22 MRSA §328, sub-§17-A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 383, §4, is further amended to read:

17-A. New health service. "New health service" means:

A. The obligation of any capital expenditures by or on behalf of a new or existing health care facility of ~~\$110,000~~ \$3,000,000 or more that is associated with the addition of a health service that was not offered on a regular basis by or on behalf of the health care facility within the 12-month period prior to the time the services would be offered;

B. The addition of a health service that is to be offered by or on behalf of a new or existing health care facility that was not offered on a regular basis by or on behalf of the health care facility within the 12-month period prior to the time the services would be offered and that, for the 3rd fiscal year of operation, including a partial first year following addition of that service, is projected to entail incremental annual operating costs directly attributable to the addition of that health service of at least ~~\$400,000~~ \$1,000,000. For the purposes of this paragraph, the compensation attributable to the health care practitioner is not included in the calculation of 3rd-year operating costs; or

C. The addition in the private office of a health care practitioner, as defined in Title 24, section 2502, subsection 1-A, of new technology that costs ~~\$1,600,000~~ \$3,200,000 or more. The department shall consult with the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council established pursuant to Title 24-A, section 6952, prior to determining whether a project qualifies as a new technology in the office of a private practitioner. With regard to the private office of a health care practitioner, "new health service" does not include the location of a new practitioner in a geographic area.

Beginning January 1, 2013 and annually thereafter, the threshold amounts for review in paragraphs A, B and C must be updated by the commissioner to reflect the change in the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index medical care services index, with an effective date of January 1st each year.

"New health service" does not include a health care facility that extends a current service within the defined primary service area of the health care facility by purchasing within a 12-month time period new equipment costing in the aggregate less than the threshold provided in ~~section 328~~, subsection 16;