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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Whereas, there are currently 30,000 individuals in Maine with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and the number will grow to over 45,000 by 2025; and

Whereas, due to the nature of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias many of these individuals will require long-term care at some point during their illnesses; and

Whereas, it is necessary to ensure a well-trained and capable long-term care workforce as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Working group to review dementia training needs of long-term care providers.

Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish within existing resources a working group of stakeholders to review the current and future dementia training needs of long-term care providers. The working group must include a representative from the department's Office of Elder and Adult Services, a representative of the department's Office of Adult Mental Health Services, a representative of individuals with dementia, a representative of the long-term care ombudsman program created under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5106, a representative of long-term care facilities, a representative of assisted living facilities, a representative of providers of home health care and other interested parties. The working group shall assess the current and future training needs of providers of long-term care and shall make recommendations to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. The commissioner shall report on the work and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by November 30, 2011.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 27, 2011.

CHAPTER 29

H.P. 506 - L.D. 679

Resolve, To Leverage Federal Opportunities for Job Creation in Maine

Sec. 1. Review by department. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall review federal initiatives and pending federal legislation that promote the development of new employment, particularly employment in the manufacturing sector. The department shall identify initiatives to be undertaken on a state and local level that have the potential to leverage federal funding, including but not limited to:

1. Enhanced tax increment financing, including providing incentives to municipalities that provide tax increment financing to companies expanding under federal incentives;
2. Enhanced and expedited job training resources; and
3. Other incentives designed specifically to work to augment federal initiatives and leverage federal funding.

The department shall submit a report on its findings, including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development by December 1, 2011.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 30

H.P. 302 - L.D. 376

Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, shared living is an appropriate and cost-effective option for many adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and autism; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services began redesign efforts for a shared living program July 1, 2010 and booked savings in this program; and

Whereas, the initial redesign has occurred and substantial actions to clarify respective roles of administering agencies, host families and department employees have occurred; and