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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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Sec. 4. Director of Division of Parks and Public Lands authorized, but not directed, to convey certain land in Adamstown Township, Oxford County. Resolved: That the Director of the Division of Parks and Public Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant convey for an appraised fair market value that is the higher of 2 appraisals or the highest of more than 2 appraisals and on such other terms and conditions as the director may direct certain lots or parcels of land, with a total of approximately 24 acres, to the West Richardson Pond Public Lot Association.

The parcels to be conveyed are located on a 24-acre lease lot subdivision portion of the Richardson Lake public reserved lands. The 12 lots are on the southwestern shoreline of West Richardson Pond and extend from the Lincoln Plantation and Adamstown Township town line south to Route 16 and are also located between the Richardson Lake public reserved lands access road and the shoreline of West Richardson Pond. The parcels are currently leased to 10 camp lot lessees who are members of the West Richardson Pond Public Lot Association. To ensure that the State retains public access to West Richardson Pond, the director may not convey ownership of Lot 4-W as depicted on the Richardson Pond cottage lots plan developed by Seven Islands Land Company.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 57

H.P. 580 - L.D. 829

Resolve, To Continue the Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or 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 or intellectual disabilities or autism; and

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

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

Whereas, substantial portions of the redesign remain unresolved or not implemented; and

Whereas, residential supports for over 450 individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism are critical services that require additional redefinition; 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. Redesign. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall continue the redesign of its shared living program that began July 1, 2010 with the stakeholder group that was established by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. The redesign work must include the following:

1. Analysis of the efficacy and appropriateness of host families becoming providers of record under rules of the MaineCare program and clarification of host families being defined as employees or independent contractors;
2. Review of planned allocation of responsibilities that took effect October 1, 2010 and proper implementation of assigned tasks and responsibilities among host home providers, oversight agencies and case managers for the department;
3. Development of acuity-based reimbursement systems for host home providers and oversight agencies that are within the limits of existing resources and that reflect the intensity of supports required by individuals and host home providers based on an objective needs assessment process;
4. Amendment of the rules regarding the MaineCare program home and community waiver to include a clear definition of shared living services and assigned tasks and responsibilities; and
5. A report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on progress with the shared living program redesign by January 15, 2014.

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

Effective June 19, 2013.
