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CHAPTER 31
S.P. 381 - L.D. 1079

**Resolve, To Support and
Encourage the Development of
an Adult Family Care
Demonstration Project in
Washington County**

Preamble. Whereas, rural and coastal areas of Maine have experienced closures of nursing facilities, reducing the number of long-term care options and causing family stress; and

Whereas, Maine has an aging population and the State must develop strategies to allow the population to age in place; and

Whereas, residents of long-term care and residential care facilities want to age in place, remaining close to their families; and

Whereas, couples with different acuity levels want to continue living together despite having different requirements for support; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review reimbursement levels at residential care facilities. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review the reimbursement levels at residential care facilities and create a new level of reimbursement that takes into account the greater levels of care required by residents in those facilities who choose to age in place. The review must take into account the financial position of facilities in those areas of the State that have recently lost a significant number of nursing facility beds. The review may include other reviews that the department is currently undertaking with respect to the continuum of care, including, but not limited to, home-based and community-based services and residential care and future projections of need for nursing facility beds; and be it further

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a demonstration project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan for a demonstration project in Washington County to establish facilities with suite-type settings. The demonstration project must take into account the needs of couples in which one or both spouses have a diagnosis of dementia; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report regarding its findings, pursuant to this resolve, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2016. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services

may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 32
H.P. 726 - L.D. 1057

**Resolve, To Review and
Report Recommendations on
the Safety of Motorized Farm
Rides Provided for a Fee to the
Public**

Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the State Fire Marshal, or the State Fire Marshal's designee, and the Chief of the Maine State Police, or the chief's designee, shall work together as cochairs to convene a broadly representative group of stakeholders to review methods of ensuring the safety of the public on motorized hayrides, pumpkin rides and other farm rides that are offered for a fee to the public on farms and rural land. The stakeholder group shall review requirements applicable to motorized vehicles that pull rides, trailers and wagons on which the public sits or stands. The stakeholder group shall review the requirements in effect in the State of Rhode Island, the status of proposed standards for hayrides developed by the American Society for Testing and Materials and the laws of this State that apply to motor vehicles; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Maine State Police shall prepare a report and submit it to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by February 1, 2016. The report must contain a description of the work undertaken by the stakeholder group and any findings and recommendations agreed upon by the stakeholders. Following review of the report the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may each separately submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 33
S.P. 398 - L.D. 1129

**Resolve, To Change the
Requirements for Nursing
Services in Home Health Care**

Sec. 1. Amend the rules governing nursing services in home health care services. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human