

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

H.P. 913 - L.D. 1417

**Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate duplicate licensing visits and surveys. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that its rule under 14-193 C.M.R. Chapter 6: Licensing of Mental Health Facilities avoids, as far as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services are safe and meet quality requirements, license behavioral services by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort resulting in the least administrative burden on providers as possible. The department shall submit a report, no later than February 15, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with progress meeting the requirements of this resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if it determines that more legislative action is necessary.