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**Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services
To Conduct a Review of Rules Governing In-home Personal Care
Assistance Services**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook and
Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, WOODSOME of York, Representatives: BAILEY of
Saco, DOORE of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MATLACK of St. George, RECKITT of
South Portland, VEROW of Brewer.

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Sec. 1. Review. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its rules governing the provision of and reimbursement for in-home personal care assistance services, including direct support provided in an individual's home by a direct support professional; habilitative training; and assistance with self-care, personal development and well-being. In the course of its review, the department shall also examine the manner in which entities providing personal care assistance services provide to affected individuals information such as advance notice of staff absences, termination of services and training requirements. The department shall complete its review no later than September 1, 2020, and shall update its rules to ensure the provision of high-quality care and to provide protections to vulnerable people who receive personal care assistance services.

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SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to review and update its rules governing the provision of and reimbursement for in-home personal care assistance services to ensure the provision of high-quality care and to provide protections to vulnerable people who receive personal care assistance services.