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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Public Health Infrastructure

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator CARSON of Cumberland and
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CRAVEN of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook,
HEPLER of Woolwich, MEYER of Eliot, Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, MOORE of
Washington.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to enact measures designed to strengthen the State's public health
6 infrastructure by:

7 1. Identifying community-level geographic regions where essential public health
8 services, including competent and qualified comprehensive community health coalitions,
9 can be funded equitably;

10 2. Ensuring that basic and essential public health services be delivered in each public
11 health district and tribal health district;

12 3. Identifying emerging nonclinical public health workers, including community
13 health workers, community paramedics, recovery coaches and resiliency coaches, who
14 can strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public health service delivery;

15 4. Facilitating, when possible, the integration and collaboration of public and private
16 public health professionals with public safety professionals and emergency preparedness
17 professionals; and

18 5. Enabling the operation of public health professionals, public safety professionals
19 and emergency preparedness professionals as a cohesive and coordinated public health
20 team to improve the visibility and understanding of public health among Maine children
21 and adults.