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## **An Act Regarding the Limit on the Number of Children Who May Be Placed in a Single Foster Home**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 629, §2, is amended to read:

**1. Number; placement in children's homes.** The limitations on the number of children in children's homes ~~shall~~do not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number; if the purpose of the placement is to keep siblings together.

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Number; placement in family foster home.** The limitation on the number of children in a family foster home does not prohibit the placement of more than the allowed number if the department determines it to be in the best interest of a child.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill allows a family foster home to exceed the limitation on the total number of children in care if the Department of Health and Human Services determines it to be in the best interest of a child.