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An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities

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Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1812-M** is enacted to read:

3 **§1812-M. Urgent care facility**

4 **1. Definition.** "Urgent care facility" means a health care facility that is not otherwise
5 licensed with a primary purpose of providing medical evaluation and care on a walk-in
6 basis for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses. As used in this chapter, "urgent care
7 facility" does not include:

8 A. A facility that is licensed as part of a hospital;

9 B. A facility that provides services or accommodations for patients who stay overnight;
10 or

11 C. The private office of a physician or dentist in individual or group practice.

12 **2. Standards.** The department shall establish standards for the licensure of urgent
13 care facilities effective July 1, 2026. The standards must include a licensure fee of not less
14 than \$50 and not more than \$500 and address staffing, quality of care, advertising and
15 promotion, inspections and complaint investigations and accreditation.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides a definition for "urgent care facility," which excludes a facility that
18 is licensed as part of a hospital, provides services or accommodations for patients who stay
19 overnight or is the location of the private office of a physician or dentist. The bill also
20 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish licensing standards for
21 urgent care facilities.