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House of Representatives, January 27, 2015

An Act To Expand Housing Opportunities for Patients with Complex Medical Conditions

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative MALABY of Hancock. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAFTS of Lisbon, HARLOW of Portland, HEAD of Bethel, PETERSON of Rumford, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SIROCKI of Scarborough, VACHON of Scarborough.

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 6	The purpose of this bill is to help ensure that patients with complex medical conditions who are in hospitals are placed in more appropriate nonhospital settings.
7 8	The bill proposes to fund the ongoing costs associated with beds in nonhospital settings for:
9	1. Patients with severe brain injuries;
10	2. Bariatric patients;
11	3. Patients who are dependent on a ventilator for the long-term;
12 13	4. Young adult patients with substance abuse issues who receive extended intravenous therapy due to infections;
14	5. Young adult patients with spinal cord injuries;
15	6. Young adult patients who have had strokes;
16	7. Homeless patients who need preoperative care such as feeding tubes; and
17 18	8. Patients who are violent and have been previously discharged from a health care facility due to violence.