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House of Representatives, February 5, 2019

Resolve, Concerning the Adoption of Rules To Carry Out the Purpose of the Bridging Rental Assistance Program

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

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Presented by Representative FARNSWORTH of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, BRENNAN of Portland,
HYMANSON of York, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South
Portland, WARREN of Hallowell, Senator: CARSON of Cumberland.

**Sec. 1. Adoption of rules. Resolved:** That, by January 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3011 for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program in order to ensure fairness, equity and access to the program for those persons with mental illness who qualify for the program.

**Sec. 2. Delay in adoption of rules. Resolved:** That if the Department of Health and Human Services anticipates a delay in the adoption of rules under section 1, the department shall submit a report by January 1, 2020 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services detailing the reason for the delay and the progress made.

10 SUMMARY

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This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program in order to ensure fairness, equity and access to the program for those persons with mental illness who qualify for the program. The department is required to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services if the department anticipates a delay in the adoption of the rules.