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**An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to  
Fund Out-of-state Residential Treatment for Substance Use  
Disorder When In-state Treatment Is Unavailable**

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BABIN of Fort Fairfield.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, FOSTER of Dexter, PAUL of  
Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-D**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §77, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **§3173-D. Reimbursement for substance use disorder treatment**

5 The department shall provide reimbursement, to the maximum extent allowable, under  
6 the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX, for substance use disorder treatment.  
7 Treatment must include, but need not be limited to, residential treatment and outpatient  
8 care as defined in Title 24-A, section 2842. Reimbursement under this section must include  
9 reimbursement for residential treatment for substance use disorder that occurs in another  
10 state when residential treatment is unavailable in the State.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide  
13 reimbursement under the MaineCare program for out-of-state residential treatment for  
14 substance use disorder when residential treatment is unavailable in the State.