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**An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Family Child Care
Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the
Department of Health and Human Services**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.

Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, Representatives:
DUCHARME of Madison, GRIFFIN of Levant, JAVNER of Chester, LEMELIN of Chelsea.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§1-A, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 35, §17, is
3 further amended to read:

4 C. "Family child care provider" means a person who provides day care in that person's
5 home on a regular basis, for consideration, for ~~3~~ 4 to 12 children under 13 years of age
6 who are not the children of the provider or who are not residing in the provider's home.
7 If a provider is caring for children living in that provider's home and is caring for no
8 more than ~~2~~ 3 other children or 4 other children if at least 2 of the children are siblings,
9 the provider is not required to be licensed as a family child care provider.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill increases to 3 the number of children a family child care provider may care
12 for in the provider's home, not including the provider's children or children who reside in
13 the provider's home, before the provider is required to be licensed as a family child care
14 provider, except that the limit is increased to 4 children if at least 2 of the children are
15 siblings.