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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 173, L.D. 275, “Resolve, to Require the Maine Board of Pharmacy to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force consists of 9 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature; and

3. Four members appointed by the Governor who possess expertise in the subject matter of the review, at least one of whom must be a member of the Board of Pharmacy at the time of appointment. The Governor shall consider any recommendations submitted within 20 days of the effective date of this resolve by the statewide associations representing pharmacists and pharmacies regarding persons who have such expertise.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative

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1 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members,
2 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after
3 the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the
4 chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task
5 force to meet and conduct its business.

6 **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall:

7 1. Review the work practices and treatment of pharmacists, including, but not limited
8 to, treatment by employers;

9 2. Consider efforts in other states and by national organizations related to the work
10 practices and treatment of pharmacists; and

11 3. Make recommendations for changes in law or rule for ways to improve the work
12 practices and treatment of pharmacists.

13 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide
14 necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support
15 is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

16 **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 6, 2023, the task force
17 shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and
18 Financial Services based on the review that includes its findings and recommendations,
19 including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st
20 Legislature.'

21 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
22 section number to read consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment replaces the resolve. The amendment establishes the Task Force to
25 Review Work Practices and Treatment of Pharmacists. The amendment directs the task
26 force to submit a report based on the review to the Joint Standing Committee on Health
27 Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than December 6, 2023.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

29 **(See attached)**