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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 302, L.D. 376, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Complete the Redesign of a Shared Living Program for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities”

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

**'Resolve, To Complete the Timely and Appropriate Redesign of Shared Living Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities and Autism'**

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

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** shared living is an appropriate and cost-effective option for many adults with cognitive and intellectual disabilities and autism; and

**Whereas,** the Department of Health and Human Services began redesign efforts for a shared living program July 1, 2010 and booked savings in this program; and

**Whereas,** the initial redesign has occurred and substantial actions to clarify respective roles of administering agencies, host families and department employees have occurred; and

**Whereas,** portions of the redesign remain unresolved; and

**Whereas,** residential supports for over 450 individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism are critical services that require additional redefinition; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

