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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 367, L.D. 504, “Resolve, Regarding Certification for Certain Mental Health Rehabilitation Technicians”

Amend the resolve by inserting after the title and before section 1 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, this legislation implements a recommendation of the Working Group on Mental Health to address critical workforce shortages and reduce barriers to employment for those providing mental health services; and

Whereas, this legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its guidelines for mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification to allow an individual with a bachelor’s degree or graduate-level degree in a mental health-related field to receive certification; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect as soon as possible so that the department can amend its guidelines no later than October 1, 2021; 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'

Amend the resolve by adding before the summary the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the resolve.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)