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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 405, L.D. 560, “An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws”

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in subparagraph (2) in the last line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 in subparagraph (3) in the last line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: " ." and inserting the following: "; and"

Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A-1 by inserting after subparagraph (3) the following:

'(4) In compliance with requirements adopted by rule by the department, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the device or container be equipped with an alarm that notifies the hospital, law enforcement agency or fire department where the device or container is located and a public safety answering point as defined in Title 25, section 2921, subsection 7 when a child is placed in the device or container.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4018, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to ensure the safe design, installation and use of each safe haven baby box before it may be put into service by a hospital, law enforcement agency or fire department. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules for the purposes of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract for technical support developing rules to implement the program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
2	All Other	\$14,174	\$0
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,174</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

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SUMMARY

9 This amendment provides that the Department of Health and Human Services must
10 adopt rules governing the design, installation and use of safe haven baby boxes to ensure
11 necessary safety specifications are met, including but not limited to an alarm that alerts
12 both the facility where the safe haven baby box is located and a public safety answering
13 point when a baby has been placed inside. Other states require specifications about
14 dimensions, insulation, temperature, locks and the ability for a person to access the box
15 anonymously; this amendment does not incorporate such specifications. The amendment
16 adds an appropriations and allocations section.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)