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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 584, L.D. 937, “Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, at least one of whom must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;
3. One member who is a member or staff member of the Board of Licensure in Medicine, appointed by the President of the Senate;
4. One member who is a representative of the Maine Hospital Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;
5. One member who is a representative of the New Mainers Resource Center, appointed by the President of the Senate;
6. Three members who are physicians who are refugees or immigrants, 2 of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be licensed to practice in the State, and one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate;
7. One member who is a representative of the Maine Medical Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
8. One member who is a representative of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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1 9. One member from the staff of the Office of the Governor, appointed by the  
2 Governor.'

3 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 15 in L.D.) by inserting  
4 after the following: "physicians" the following: ', including surgeons,'

5 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the 3rd line (page 2, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting  
6 after the following: "seekers" the following: ', and reducing barriers to licensing for foreign-  
7 trained physicians and physicians from other states'

8 Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.)  
9 by inserting after the following: "physicians" the following: 'and physicians from other  
10 states'

11 Amend the resolve in section 5 in subsection 6 in the first line (page 2, line 30 in L.D.)  
12 by inserting after the following: "physicians" the following: 'and physicians from other  
13 states'

14 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the last paragraph in the 4th line (page 2, line 35 in  
15 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physicians" the following: 'and physicians from  
16 other states'

17 Amend the resolve in section 5 in the last paragraph in the 5th line (page 2, line 36 in  
18 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "physicians" the following: 'and physicians from  
19 other states'

20 Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7 and inserting the following:

21 '**Sec. 7. Stakeholder participation. Resolved:** That the commission may invite  
22 the participation of stakeholders to participate in meetings or subcommittee meetings of  
23 the commission to ensure the commission has the information and expertise necessary to  
24 fulfill its duties, including, but not limited to, representatives of health insurance carriers,  
25 the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, medical graduate  
26 residency programs in the State, the Maine Public Health Association, the Maine  
27 Osteopathic Association and the Maine Association of Physician Assistants.

28 **Sec. 8. Report. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than  
29 January 15, 2024, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and  
30 recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on  
31 Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services. The joint standing committee may  
32 report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the  
33 report.'

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

## 36 SUMMARY

37 This amendment makes the following changes to the resolve, which creates the  
38 Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to study integrating  
39 foreign-trained physicians living in the State into the health care workforce to best reflect  
40 their level of skills and training, with a focus on those who are in the State as refugees and  
41 asylum seekers.

