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Resolve, To Improve Access to Employment Opportunities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Autistic Disorders

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative FLOOD of Winthrop. Cosponsored by Senator CRAVEN of Androscoggin and Representatives: STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland, STUCKEY of Portland, WEBSTER of Freeport.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services amended the MaineCare
 Benefits Manual to limit the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic
 disorders who may work at any given work site or location; and
- 6 Whereas, that amendment took effect July 1, 2010; and
- 7 **Whereas,** persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders have been 8 limited as to where they may work since July 1, 2010; and
- 9 Whereas, it is imperative that this resolve take effect immediately so that persons
 10 with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders may return to work as soon as possible;
 11 and
- 12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 13 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 14 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 15 therefore, be it
- 16 Sec. 1. MaineCare Benefits Manual. Resolved: That the Department of 17 Health and Human Services shall amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual to remove the 18 language that restricts the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic 19 disorders who may work at any given work site or location to 50% of a business's 20 workforce at that work site or location.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
 legislation takes effect when approved.
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SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend the MaineCare Benefits Manual to remove the language that restricts the number of persons with intellectual disabilities and autistic disorders who may work at any given work site or location to 50% of a business's workforce at that work site or location.