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An Act To Support Maine People in Recovery

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MAKER of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BLACK of Wilton, FECTEAU of Biddeford,
HARRINGTON of Sanford, KINNEY of Knox, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East
Machias, WHITE of Washburn.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Department to create 3 new peer centers.** The Department of Health
3 and Human Services shall create 3 new peer centers in different parts of the State to
4 coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug
5 addiction. In order to serve populations in rural parts of the State, 2 of these peer centers
6 must be located in currently underserved areas that are outside of Maine's largest cities.
7 Funding for each peer center must be used to support the hiring of a coordinator who
8 shall support recovery group facilitation, peer mentoring and peer recovery resource
9 connections. The peer centers may be coordinated and housed within existing health care
10 settings, such as a rural health care center.

11 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
12 allocations are made.

13 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

14 **Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679**

15 Initiative: Provides funding to create 3 new peer centers in different parts of the State to
16 coordinate and run peer support programs to help persons in recovery from drug
17 addiction.

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19	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
20	All Other	\$0	\$600,000
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22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$600,000

23 **SUMMARY**

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