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LD 2117

We support LD2117, a bill to direct DHHS to amend its rule Chapter 101, Mainecare Benefits Manual, Chapter 1, Section 21 concerning the "two person rule." Under the current rule, eviction notices must be issued after 90 days of single occupancy. The bill adds an initial 30 days before an eviction notice must be issued and allows case managers to apply for up to two additional 60-day extensions. This approach preserves the two-person rule and prevents unnecessary disruption for individuals and families. Extensions are discretionary, time-limited, and documented. Our son has lived in a two-person home with the same housemate for almost 15 years and has been well supported. Our son would never have needed these provisions, but the stability that they provide would have been extremely important to both families involved if there had been a disruption for whatever reason.