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Testimony of Rep. Anne Perry introducing

LD 2126, An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance & Financial Services

Senator Bailey and members of the Heath Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, my name is Anne Perry and I am here to present LD 2126, An Act Relating to Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses. I am introducing this bill at the request of DHHS who has been working with the Board of Nursing and stakeholders.

As we know, the workforce challenges across the health care sector continue to cause significant challenges in care delivery across Maine. This bill will allow for a small but important change that will allow registered nurses to delegate certain tasks pursuant to rules from the Board of Nursing. This policy will align Maine with nearly all other states and allow nurses to use their judgment to delegate and operate at their level of education.

Stakeholders have worked hard on this bill and I'm happy to bring it for your consideration. The Department will provide additional information and can answer any questions that you have.

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