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*Testimony of House Chair Rep. Michele Meyer presenting*  
**LD 67, An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent  
Care Facilities**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services*

Senator Ingwersen and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, I am Representative Michele Meyer, representing House District 150, which includes Eliot and parts of Kittery and South Berwick. I am glad to present **LD 67, An Act to Establish Minimum Standards for Certain Urgent Care Facilities**.

The Department asked me to submit this bill, and I was happy to do so because it would help to better ensure quality of care, safety, and patient rights in urgent care facilities across the state. Currently, these facilities, which I am sure many of us in this room have visited, as have our constituents, are not subject to licensing requirements. This means that these businesses can open and provide medical care without having to be fully transparent about the ownership and operation of the facility. This bill would close that existing loophole.

As written, LD 67 would direct the department to establish standards for licensure of urgent care facilities, ensuring that these commonly used medical facilities meet a minimum standard of care that would provide greater transparency, safety, care and understanding of patient rights. I hope you will join me in supporting this bill. The Department will follow my testimony and further explain this proposal and take any of your questions about the proposal.