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Representative Meyer, and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. I am glad to present LD 768, *An Act to Update the Laws Governing the Licensing of Intermediate Care Facilities for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*.

The Department asked me to submit this bill, and I was happy to do so, as it would create greater parity across facilities licensed by the Division of Licensing and Certification (DLC). As currently written, this bill would specifically update the licensing requirements of Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). The bill both codifies existing Department rules governing the licensing of ICF/IDDs and updates these licensing standards to align with similar licensing laws such as Nursing Facilities and Residential Care Facilities.

Intermediate Care Facilities are very medicalized settings, serving vulnerable Mainers, that require clarity in oversight. Currently, there are no licensing standards for these facilities, only authority for DHHS to adopt rules governing licensing standards. This change is needed to have ICF/IIDs align with other similar facility types in terms of licensing and oversight.

The Department will follow my testimony and can answer any questions you may have.

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