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Testimony of Senator Henry Ingwersen in introducing LD 769, "*An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services.*"

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Representative Meyer, and fellow members of the Health and Human Services Committee, I am Senator Henry Ingwersen, representing Senate District 32: Arundel, Biddeford, Dayton, Hollis, and Lyman, and I'm here before you today to present LD 769 - An Act Regarding Access to Behavioral Health Supports for Adults with Certain Disabilities on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Through this bill, the Department seeks to update the rules to improve the process of developing safety plans for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal of the proposed changes is to process requests for safety devices and positive support plans more efficiently and more quickly. The Department will follow my testimony and outline in more detail the exact changes they are proposing, but I am glad to introduce this on their behalf. Thank you for your time and attention. I ask that you save your questions for the Department.

Thank you.