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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, distinguished colleagues on the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. I am Representative Joshua Morris. I am here today to present **LD 1402, "An Act to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Determine Methods of Ensuring the Long-term Solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association."**

Earlier this session we had a briefing from MGARA and the Bureau of Insurance. This bill is to convene a stakeholder group to study ways to ensure that MGARA remains solvent. Last spring, I was approached by Chris Howard of MGARA with concerns about this issue.

I think a study is important although I understand the bureau has concerns about staffing a legislative study group. My chief concern is allowing important stakeholders to meet and bring recommendations to the committee for any fixes needed for MGARA. I welcome any recommendations that they may find helpful in accomplishing that goal.

Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Joshua Morris  
State Representative

# REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS' AMENDMENT TO LD 1402 (CONCEPT DRAFT BILL)

## **An Act to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Determine Methods of Ensuring the Long-term Solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association**

*Replace bill with following:*

**Sec. 1. Long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association.** The Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, referred to in this Act as "the commissioner," shall convene a stakeholder group as described in section 2 to determine methods to ensure the long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, chapter 54-A.

**Sec. 2. Stakeholder group.** The commissioner shall establish a stakeholder group with the following members:

1. The Superintendent of Insurance or the superintendent's designee;
2. The Chair of the Board of Directors of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association or the chair's designee;
3. Four members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, recommended by the chairs of the committee;
4. Two members who represent health insurance carriers;
5. One member who represents health insurance producers;
6. One member who represents health insurance consumers;
7. One member with actuarial expertise in the health insurance industry;
8. The Director of the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace;

The commissioner shall ensure that all meetings of the stakeholder group provide an opportunity for public comment.

**Sec. 3. Duties of the stakeholder group.** The stakeholder group shall meet regularly, as determined by the commissioner, to determine methods to, and make recommendations to, ensure the long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association. The stakeholder group shall consider the following:

1. The current law, structure and parameters of the reinsurance program;
2. The anticipated funding and financial projections for the program;
3. The availability of federal pass-through funding for the program under the State's 1332 waiver; and
4. The impact of various changes to the reinsurance program on the funding of the program and on health insurance premiums.

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**Sec. 4. Staffing.** The Bureau of Insurance shall provide any necessary staffing services to the stakeholder group.

**Sec. 5. Report.** No later than January 15, 2026, the commissioner shall submit a report of the stakeholder group to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services with recommendations, including suggested legislation, to ensure the long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association. The Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature based on the report.

### SUMMARY

This amendment changes the title of and replaces the bill, which is a concept draft. It directs the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation to convene a stakeholder group to determine methods to ensure the long-term solvency of the Maine Guaranteed Access Reinsurance Association. The stakeholder group is required by January 15, 2026 to report its recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services, which is authorized to report out related legislation.