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LD 2001, An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and
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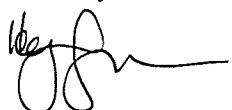
Representative Meyer, and fellow Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. As you know, I am Senator Henry Ingwersen, representing Senate District 32, which includes Arundel, Biddeford, Dayton, Hollis, and Lyman. I am here to present LD 2001, "An Act to Clarify the Laws Governing Facilities for Children and Adults under the Health and Human Services Laws."

I have sponsored this bill on behalf of the Office of Child and Family Services, an office within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that we are all familiar with. In discussion with the Department, I understand that they have identified a few areas of statute relating to the laws governing the licensing of facilities for children that need to be changed or updated. This bill will do that through five specific changes, which I will allow the Department to detail, following my testimony.

In short, this legislation would address a confidentiality issue, correct a statutory reference regarding the consolidations of functions, clarify licensing requirements under 22 MRSA §8103, remove statutory reference to collaboration between DHHS and the Department of Education (DOE) that no longer occurs, and eliminate a burdensome requirement that was applied only to child care providers licensed as nursery school programs.

I hope that you will join me in supporting this effort to provide statutory clarity for OCFS and for those their licensing requirements impact. I ask that you hold any questions you may have for the Department.

Thank you.



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