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In Senate, January 20, 2015

Resolve, To Strengthen Health Care Services for Maine Residents Affected by Neurodegenerative Diseases

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator GRATWICK of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HYMANSON of York and
Senators: DILL of Penobscot, HASKELL of Cumberland, MIRAMANT of Knox,
WHITTEMORE of Somerset, Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, COOPER of
Yarmouth, JORGENSEN of Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery.

Sec. 1. Feasibility study; network of services for residents of the State affected by neurodegenerative diseases. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group that includes, but is not limited to, Legislators, health care providers, physicians, insurers, patients, representatives of state agencies and family caregivers to conduct a feasibility study assessing the need for and costs of developing a network of in-state health care services, including home care and care in long-term care facilities, for residents of the State affected by neurodegenerative diseases. The department shall submit a report regarding the findings of the stakeholder group, along with any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2016. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature based on the report.

13 SUMMARY

 This resolve directs the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to conduct a feasibility study assessing the need for and costs of developing a network of in-state health care services, including home care and care in long-term care facilities, for residents of the State affected by neurodegenerative diseases. The resolve requires the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services in the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature and authorizes the committee to report out a bill based on the group's report.