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House of Representatives, January 29, 2015

**An Act To Facilitate the Development and Operation of a Group
Home for Post-High School Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

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

Robert B. Hunt
ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to provide necessary statutory support for a proposal for the
6 development and operation of a group assisted living facility in Bar Harbor for post-high
7 school adults with developmental disabilities operated by Local Solutions, a Maine
8 corporation, referred to in this legislation as "the project." The project's goal is to assist
9 the facility residents in building independent lives in the local community, supported by
10 funds provided by the Department of Health and Human Services through a MaineCare
11 waiver program or other possible sources of funding.

12 The project has partnered with Community Housing of Maine, Inc., a corporation
13 registered in the State, to develop a model to create innovative and accessible housing for
14 young adults with intellectual, physical and cognitive disabilities to be replicated in other
15 communities throughout the State. The site of the project is the donated former parish
16 hall of St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Bar Harbor, which will be renovated to provide
17 housing to allow the residents to live as independently as possible while supported by
18 paid staff and volunteers providing meals, taking residents to appointments and helping
19 the residents with health and cleanliness practices and general cleaning and maintenance
20 of the group home. The residents will be provided assistance with finding employment
21 and recreation and with volunteering in the local community. The project has sought out
22 other funding sources, including private fund-raising and housing choice vouchers from
23 the Federal Government.