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House of Representatives, March 5, 2013

**An Act To Require Notice to and Input from Municipalities in
Which Certain Group Homes Are Located**

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

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Presented by Representative WILSON of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and
Representative: POULIOT of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3612** is enacted to read:

3 **§3612. Municipal notification**

4 With regard to residential services for persons committed to the custody of the
5 commissioner pursuant to Title 15, chapter 5, 120 days prior to the opening of a
6 residential facility by the department or to signing a contract with a community agency to
7 provide a community-based residential facility, the department shall provide the specific
8 location and detailed information to the municipality in which the facility is to be located.
9 The department shall review any response or site alternatives provided by municipal
10 officials prior to the opening of the facility or signing of the contract.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide specific
13 information on the location of a residential facility providing services to forensic patients
14 to the municipality in which the facility is to be located. Notice must be provided 120
15 days prior to the opening of the facility or to signing a contract with a community agency
16 to provide residential services. The department must review any response and site
17 alternatives provided by municipal officials.