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**An Act To Ensure Home Care and Hospice Providers Are Included
in Maine's Emergency Response Plans**

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

Robert B. Hunt
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Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §742, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read:

3 F. In the event of a state of emergency due to a public health emergency declared by
4 the Governor pursuant to this section or an extreme public health emergency declared
5 by the Governor pursuant to Title 22, section 802, subsection 2-A, the Governor shall
6 consult with health care practitioners, including, without limitation, physicians, nurses,
7 hospice services providers and in-home and community support services providers, and
8 operators of health care facilities, including, without limitation, hospitals, nursing
9 homes and clinics, regarding measures to be taken to ensure the safety and health of
10 the public, including the distribution of personal protective equipment for health care
11 practitioners and the employees of health care facilities, and any other measures
12 determined necessary.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires the Governor, in the event of a declared public health emergency, to
15 consult with health care practitioners and operators of health care facilities regarding
16 measures to be taken to ensure the health and safety of the public and the health care
17 workers.