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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 883, L.D. 1249, Bill, “An Act To Make Statutory Changes To Address Certain Conflicting Requirements of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct and the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 Regarding Maine’s Protection and Advocacy Agency”

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in at least 5 regions" and inserting the following: 'statewide in at least 5 geographically dispersed locations'

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in paragraph G in the next to the last line (page 2, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "matters" the following: 'and the department'

Amend the bill in section 9 in §5611 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 4, line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "of the department or"

Amend the bill in section 9 in §5611 by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 4, lines 37 to 39 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

2. Complaints arising in community. A complaint arising in the community must be addressed to the executive director of the provider agency.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires Maine's protection and advocacy agency, the Disability Rights Center, to conduct its duties on a statewide basis. It clarifies that the services must be provided in geographically dispersed locations, rather than regions. It requires reporting to the Department of Health and Human Services and deletes from the complaint process complaints about practices, procedures and policies of the department and department personnel.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT