

STATE OF MAINE

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TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

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Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Maine Health Data Organization

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

Whereas, the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature outside the legislative rule acceptance period; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Health Data Organization that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A outside the legislative rule acceptance period, is authorized only if the following changes are made.

1. The rule must be amended in section 3, subsection 1, paragraph G to clarify that the Maine Health Data Organization data may not be used to individually identify any patient receiving mental health services including treatment from licensed psychiatric in-patient treatment facilities.

2. The rule in section 3, subsection 1, paragraph H must be amended to provide a reference to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.13 instead of to Section 290dd-2.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.