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An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council

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

Whereas, a council coordinator to provide administrative support to the Rare Disease Advisory Council is currently being appointed and members of the council will soon be appointed; and

Whereas, to minimize disruption of membership and ensure that members of the council with direct experience of a single-gene disorder will be appointed at the beginning of the council's activities, this legislation must take effect immediately; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶L,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is repealed.
- **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶M,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is repealed.
- **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶N,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is amended to read:
 - N. One representative of an organization dedicated to providing services to persons with rare diseases—;
 - **Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶O** is enacted to read:
 - O. One person 18 years of age or older who has had or has a single-gene disorder;
 - **Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶P** is enacted to read:

- P. One person 18 years of age or older who has had or has a rare disease that is not a single-gene disorder;
- **Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶Q** is enacted to read:
- Q. One parent or guardian who has a child with a single-gene disorder; and
- **Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶R** is enacted to read:
- R. One parent or guardian who has a child with a rare disease that is not a single-gene disorder.

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