

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

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H.P. 367 - L.D. 504

**Resolve, Regarding Certification for Certain Mental Health Rehabilitation
Technicians**

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

Whereas, this legislation implements a recommendation of the Working Group on Mental Health to address critical workforce shortages and reduce barriers to employment for those providing mental health services; and

Whereas, this legislation requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its guidelines for mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification to allow an individual with a bachelor's degree or graduate-level degree in a mental health-related field to receive certification; and

Whereas, it is important that this legislation take effect as soon as possible so that the department can amend its guidelines no later than October 1, 2021; 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. Department of Health and Human Services to amend its guidelines on community-based mental health rehabilitation technician certification.

Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its guidelines for the mental health rehabilitation technician/community certification, also known as an MHRT/C certification, in order to allow an individual who has completed a 4-year postsecondary educational degree program in a mental health-related field or obtained a graduate degree in a mental health-related field to receive the MHRT/C certification notwithstanding any other guidelines for certification.

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