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H 1797. EXTEND AND EXPAND FIRST COMMIT PILOT. Filed 5/18/10. *TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO WAIVE TEMPORARILY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT STATUTES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIRST EVALUATION PILOT PROGRAM AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY CERTAIN ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES.*

Amends SL 2003-178, as amended, to increase the number of local management entities (LMEs) that may receive a waiver from the Secretary from 15 to 20. Extends the expiration date for the act from October 1, 2010, to October 1, 2012.

Directs the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services to include refresher training for all certified providers in its standard certification program, and to report to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services on participation rates in the pilot program and whether the program should include other health care professionals.

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