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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 486, L.D. 657, "Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-term Care Facilities"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 15 members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party; and

3. Eleven other members appointed as follows:

A. The following members appointed by the Governor:

(1) The chair, who must have experience with rate setting;

(2) One representative of the Department of Human Services;

(3) One representative of the Long-term Care Steering Committee;

(4) One representative of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority; and

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2 (5) One representative of a commercial lending institution; and

4 B. The following members appointed jointly by the President
6 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

8 (1) One representative of the long-term care ombudsman program;

10 (2) One representative of the Maine Health Care Association;

12 (3) One representative of the Maine Hospital Association;

14 (4) One representative of providers of long-term care services who is familiar with the principles of reimbursement;

16 (5) One representative of consumers of long-term care services who is familiar with the principles of reimbursement; and

18 (6) One representative of the American Association of Retired Persons; and be it further'

20 Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 42 and 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
22 ". The commission shall select a chair from among its members"

24 Further amend the resolve in section 4 by striking out all of subsections 1 to 3 (page 1, line 48 and page 2, lines 1 to 5 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

26 '1. The setting of rates for the different payers within the long-term care system, including monthly charges and charges for resident services and supplies, and ensuring affordability;

28 2. The levels of profit guaranteed by the rate of reimbursement, a comparison of rates among the different states and financial stability within the system;

30 3. The advisability of rate equalization between private and public payers, implementation of rate equalization and what the possible benefits and detriments might be for nursing facility residents;'

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Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 5 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 10 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "utilities;" the following: 'and'

Further amend the resolve in section 4 by striking out all of subsections 6 and 7 (page 2, lines 12 to 16 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

'6. The relationship between staffing levels and quality of care and maintaining high-quality care; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 7 in the last line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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All Other \$500

Provides funds for the miscellaneous costs, including printing, of the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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