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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 626, L.D. 851, Bill, "An Act Directing the Department of Human Services to Apply for a Medicaid Waiver to Allow Spouses to Be Paid as Personal Care Attendants"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Provide Reimbursement to Spouses Serving as Personal Care Attendants'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1421-C is enacted to read:

§1421-C. Reimbursement

The Department of Human Services shall reimburse providers who are spouses of individuals who are eligible for personal care assistance services for severely physically disabled adults authorized by section 1421.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2		1997-98	1998-99
4	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
6	<b>Long Term Care - Human Services</b>		
8	All Other	\$201,178	\$209,225
10	Provides additional funds and		
12	funds through a transfer from		
14	the Medical Care - Payments		
16	to Providers program to		
	reimburse certain spouses who		
	perform personal care		
	services.		
18	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
20	All Other	(69,487)	(71,053)
22	Transfers funds to the Long		
24	Term Care - Human Services		
26	program to reflect a shift of		
	expenditures for certain		
	personal care services.		
28	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$131,691</u>	<u>\$138,172</u>

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

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36		1997-98	1998-99
38	<b>APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS</b>		
40	General Fund	\$131,691	\$138,172

42 The net General Fund cost of the bill is \$131,691 in fiscal  
 44 year 1997-98 and \$138,172 in fiscal year 1998-99. This bill  
 46 includes General Fund appropriations of \$201,178 in fiscal year  
 48 1997-98 and \$209,225 in fiscal year 1998-99 to the Long Term Care  
 50 program within the Department of Human Services to provide  
 reimbursement to certain spouses who perform personal care  
 services. This bill also includes deappropriations of \$69,487 in  
 fiscal year 1997-98 and \$71,053 in fiscal year 1998-99 through a

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transfer from the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program to  
reflect a shift of expenditures from that program to the Long  
Term Care program.'

### SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the  
Department of Human Services to reimburse spouses who act as  
personal care providers for severely physically disabled adults  
who are eligible to receive services authorized under the Maine  
Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1421. It adds an  
appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**