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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 696, L.D. 960, Bill, "An Act to Repeal Medicaid Estate Recovery Laws"

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

'An Act Granting an Exemption to the Medicaid Estate Recovery Laws'

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §14, sub-§2-I, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a recipient or the estate of a recipient may claim one exemption for up to \$10,000 in value in real or personal property and other assets under paragraph F.

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

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1997-98, 1998-99. Includes rows for HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Nursing Facilities and All Other.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Provides funds due to the establishment of one exemption of up to \$10,000 from Medicaid estate recovery provisions.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

	1997-98	1998-99
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
General Fund	\$1,537,500	\$2,132,000

The Department of Human Services will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$1,537,500 and \$2,132,000 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, to replace the state and federal funds that will no longer be recovered from certain estates and used to offset Medicaid program costs.

The additional costs associated with determining the amount of lost recoveries due the federal government as a result of the exemption can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment allows a recipient of Medicaid to claim one exemption of up to \$10,000 from the Medicaid estate recovery provisions. It adds an appropriation of \$1,537,500 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$2,132,000 in fiscal year 1998-99. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.