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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. 727, L.D. 991, "Resolve, to Address Issues Raised by the Select Committee to Study Rate Increases in Nursing Homes"

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

'An Act to Address Issues Raised by the Select Committee to Study Rate Increases in Nursing Homes'

Further amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1826, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 291, §1, is amended to read:

3. Other contract provisions. The contract or agreement may contain any other provisions which that do not violate state law or rule or federal law or regulation and that are specifically allowed by the standardized contract under subsection 4.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1826, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Standardized contract. The commissioner shall adopt rules to standardize nursing home contracts for all nursing home residents to clarify the rights and obligations of residents. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The additional costs associated with adopting rules to
standardize nursing home contracts can be absorbed by the
Department of Human Services utilizing existing budgeted
10 resources.'

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SUMMARY

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16 This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the
Commissioner of Human Services to adopt rules to standardize
nursing home contracts to clarify the rights and obligations of
18 residents. It allows contracts to contain other provisions
specifically allowed by the standardized contract. The amendment
20 also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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