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House of Representatives, May 25, 1999

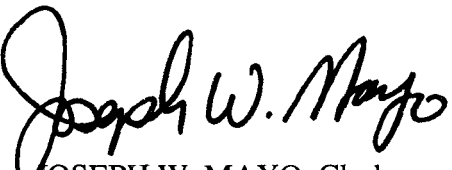
**An Act to Protect Medicaid Recipients and Providers from Unintended Consequences of the Noncompliance of the Department of Human Services with Year 2000 Readiness.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BRAGDON of Bangor, BROOKS of Winterport, MacDOUGALL of North  
Berwick, MACK of Standish, SHIELDS of Auburn, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland, Senators:  
LIBBY of York, MITCHELL of Penobscot.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**  
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.  
10 The bill seeks to protect Medicaid recipients and providers from  
unintended consequences of the noncompliance of the Department of  
Human Services with year 2000 readiness in the following ways.

12 1. It seeks to provide for additional independent  
14 consultants to assist the Department of Human Services in  
achieving year 2000 compliance and correct any problems caused by  
noncompliance.

16 2. It establishes an interest-free loan program  
18 administered by the Finance Authority of Maine to provide  
20 temporary funding to Medicaid providers, including nonprofit  
22 providers that are prohibited from retaining reserve funds to  
meet their obligations, in an amount equal to payments due to  
those providers that are delayed due to year 2000 problems.