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L.D. 2580

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 1012, L.D. 2580, Bill, "An Act to Provide Legal Access to Marijuana for Medical Use"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Access to Marijuana for Medical Use'

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

'Sec. 1. Task force. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall convene a task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law and to recommend steps to implement the law and provide access to marijuana for medical purposes. The task force shall study the marijuana for medical purposes law enacted by the voters in November, 1999, methods of providing access to marijuana for medical purposes and other implementation and enforcement issues.

The task force must be broadly representative and must include representatives of the following groups and interests: health care professionals, Legislators, law enforcement, public policy specialists, advocates for the medical use of marijuana and interested members of the public. Legislative members must be appointed as follows:

1. After consultation with the Attorney General, the President of the Senate shall appoint 2 Senators; and

2. After consultation with the Attorney General, the Speaker of the House shall appoint 5 representatives, one

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member of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice, one member of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and 3 members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services.

Task force meetings must be public meetings. By October 1, 2000, the task force shall report its recommendations and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Task Force to Study Implementation of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Law

Personal Services	\$1,540
All Other	1,400

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law.

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TOTAL \$2,940'

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

FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$2,940
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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$2,940 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members of the task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law.

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2 The additional costs associated with convening the task
force can be absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General
utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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6 **SUMMARY**

8 This amendment replaces the bill, changes the title and
changes the form of the bill to a resolve. It directs the
10 Attorney General to convene a task force to study and make
recommendations on implementation of the marijuana for medical
12 purposes law and access to marijuana for medical purposes. It
provides for the appointment of legislative members of the task
14 force. It requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on
Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on
16 Criminal Justice by October 1, 2000.