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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1351, L.D. 1828, Bill, "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary for the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2005"

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Amend the amendment by inserting after Part CC the following:

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PART DD

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Sec. DD-1. 22 MRSA §7932, sub-§10, ¶¶C to E, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 384, §13, are amended to read:

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C. Be certified by the State as being a necessary provider of health care services to residents in the area or be located more than a 35-mile drive from any other hospital or critical access hospital. In mountainous terrain or in areas with only secondary roads, the mileage criterion is 15 miles;

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D. Provide not more than ~~15~~ 25 beds for acute hospital-level inpatient care; or, if a swing bed facility, provide up to 25 inpatient beds that may be used interchangeably for acute or skilled nursing facility care;

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~~(1) -- Except that a swing bed facility is allowed to have up to 25 inpatient beds that can be used interchangeably for acute or skilled nursing facility care, as long as not more than 15 beds are used at any one time for acute care;~~

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2 E. Agree to keep each provide inpatient ~~for no longer than~~
3 care for a period that does not exceed, as determined on an
4 annual, average basis, 96 hours, unless a longer period is
5 required because of inclement weather or other emergency
6 conditions or a Peer Reviser Organization, "PRO" or other
7 equivalent entity, on request, waives the 96-hour
8 restriction per patient; and

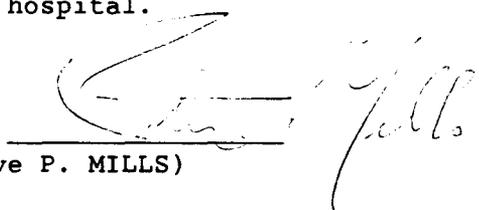
9 **Sec. DD-2. Jackman Region Health Center.** The Department of
10 Human Services shall promptly take whatever steps are necessary
11 to facilitate the qualifying of the Jackman Region Health Center
12 as a critical access hospital.

13 **Sec. DD-3. Rules.** The Department of Human Services shall
14 adopt rules to implement this Part. Rules adopted pursuant to
15 this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine
16 Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

17 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
18 any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
19 consecutively.
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23 SUMMARY

24 This amendment updates the state definition of "critical
25 access hospital" to be consistent with the new federal definition
26 as set forth in the federal Medicare Prescription Drug,
27 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. The amendment also
28 requires the Department of Human Services to take whatever steps
29 are necessary to qualify the Jackman Region Health Center as a
30 critical access hospital.
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36 SPONSORED BY: 
37 (Representative P. MILLS)
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39 TOWN: Cornville
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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 1828

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the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain
Provisions of the Law Necessary for the Proper Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2004 and June
30, 2005**

LR 2700(08)

Fiscal Note for House Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Mills

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue.