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INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Majority

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 35, L.D. 32, "Resolve, To Reestablish the Health Care System and Health Security Board"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Health Care System and Health Security Board, established in Public Law 2001, chapter 439, has completed substantial work to determine the feasibility of a single-payor health care plan and has determined that additional work is needed before making a final recommendation on a single-payor health care plan; and

Whereas, it is important to achieve health care coverage for all Maine citizens as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the board has adequate funds to support its activities; and

Whereas, the board must be reestablished before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

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2 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
3 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
4 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
5 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
6 safety; now, therefore, be it

7 **Sec. 1. Board reestablished; duties. Resolved:** That the Health
8 Care System and Health Security Board, established by Public Law
9 2001, chapter 439, Part ZZZ, and amended by Public Law 2003,
10 chapter 492, and referred to in this resolve as "the board," is
11 reestablished and those members serving on the board on November
12 1, 2004 continue to serve as members, except that new legislative
13 members must be appointed in accordance with Public Law 2001,
14 chapter 439, Part ZZZ, section 1. The board is reestablished for
15 the sole purpose of finalizing its recommendations regarding the
16 feasibility of a single-payor health plan to provide health care
17 coverage to all citizens of this State and may not conduct any
18 other activities; and be it further

19 **Sec. 2. Report; extension prohibited. Resolved:** That, no later
20 than January 4, 2006, the board shall submit a report, including
21 any suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing
22 Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and the Legislative
23 Council. Following receipt and review of the report, the Joint
24 Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services may report
25 out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of
26 the 122nd Legislature. The board is not authorized to introduce
27 legislation. The board may not apply to the Legislative Council
28 for an extension and may not take any further action after
29 January 4, 2006, unless further action is authorized by law; and
30 be it further

31 **Sec. 3. Funding; limitation. Resolved:** That any unexpended funds
32 allocated to the board as of November 1, 2004 must be carried
33 forward for use by the board and may not lapse. Except for these
34 unexpended funds, no additional funds may be appropriated or
35 allocated from any source to support the board. The board may not
36 seek any outside funding. The board may not incur expenses that
37 exceed available funds; and be it further

38 **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
39 following appropriations and allocations are made.

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41 **Miscellaneous Studies 0444**

42 Initiative: Allocates funds to support the meeting costs of the
43 Health Care System and Health Security Board.

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2	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2005-06	2006-07
	Personal Services	\$1,100	\$0
4	All Other	\$4,305	\$0
6	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,405	\$0

8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the resolve and is the majority report. The amendment retains the provision of the resolve that reestablishes the Health Care System and Health Care Security Board. The amendment limits the scope, funding and timeline of the reestablished board relative to the provisions of the resolve. The amendment limits the work of the reestablished board to finalizing recommendations regarding the feasibility of a single-payor health plan and limits funding to the unexpended funds allocated to the board as of November 1, 2004. The amendment also sets the report deadline as January 4, 2006, compared with November 1, 2006 in the resolve. Finally, the amendment prohibits the board from seeking an extension from the Legislative Council beyond January 4, 2006 and from taking any further action after that date unless authorized by law.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Resolve, To Reestablish the Health Care System and Health Security Board

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **A**

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current Costs - Legislative Study

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
Appropriations/Allocations				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$5,405	\$0	\$0	\$

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The projected general operating costs of the Health Care System and Health Security Board are \$5,405 in fiscal year 2005-06. An allocation of Other Special Revenue funds is included in fiscal year 2005-06 to support the expenses of the board. If the board elects to contract for staffing and technical assistance from a health policy organization, additional costs will be incurred. There is currently an unexpended balance of Other Special Revenue funds in the amount of \$5,427.95. This unexpended balance appears to be sufficient to fund four meetings and the board is not authorized to seek outside funding or to incur expenses that exceed their available funds.