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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
122ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 594, L.D. 835, "Resolve, To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of MaineCare"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House. At least one legislative member appointed must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and at least one legislative member appointed must be a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Legislative appointments under this subsection must be representative of the bipartisan interests of the Legislature;

2. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one with experience and expertise in the area of public health care policy or public health financing and one with expertise regarding privately funded health care;

3. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one with expertise in the area of state fiscal policy or economic policy and one with expertise in health data collection and interpretation; and

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4. Two members appointed by the Governor who are members of
the MaineCare Advisory Committee, one of whom represents health
care providers and one of whom represents health care consumers;
and be it further'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Appointments. Resolved: That all appointments must be
made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council upon making their
appointments. When the appointment of all members is complete,
the chair of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the
first meeting of the commission no later than August 1st; and be
it further'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Meetings. Resolved: That the commission is authorized
to meet 4 times in 2005 and with approval of the presiding
officers may hold meetings at various locations throughout the
State. Meetings must be open to the public. The commission
shall consult stakeholders and health care and medical
organizations for information and assistance in gathering
information related to the duties described in section 5; and be
it further'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section
11 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 11. Reports. Resolved: That the commission shall submit
a report with findings and accompanying recommendations for
legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs by December 7, 2005; and be it further'

SUMMARY

This amendment does the following:

1. It reduces the membership of the Blue Ribbon Commission
on the Future of MaineCare to 4 Legislators, 4 members of the
public with various expertise and 2 members of the MaineCare
Advisory Committee;

2. It limits the duration of the commission to one
legislative interim;

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2 3. It eliminates the commission's authority to hold public
hearings; and

4 4. It brings the resolve into conformity with the Joint
6 Rules and Standards for Legislative Studies adopted by the
Legislative Council.

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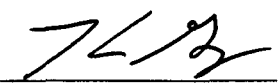
FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
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SPONSORED BY:



(Senator GAGNON)

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COUNTY: Kennebec

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

Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Reduced Cost - Legislative Study

Legislative Study

This amendment decreases the cost of the study by \$2,600 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$10,410 in fiscal year 2006-07. As amended, the total cost of this study is \$3,480 in fiscal year 2005-06 and will be funded within the Legislature's current study budget.