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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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14 STATE OF MAINE
16 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
18 122ND LEGISLATURE
20 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

22 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 597, L.D. 846, Bill, "An
24 Act To Prevent Discrimination against Persons without Health
26 Insurance"

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

32 '**Resolve, Regarding Hospital Free Care Guidelines**'

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

40 '**Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved:** That by October 1, 2006 the
42 Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules on
44 hospital free care guidelines to provide for eligibility for free
46 care for persons below 150% of the federal nonfarm income
48 official poverty line as determined by the United States
50 Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to the Omnibus
Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. Rules adopted pursuant to
this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine
Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

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SUMMARY

46 This amendment replaces the bill and substitutes a
48 resolve. The amendment directs the Department of Health and
50 Human Services to amend its rules on hospital free care
guidelines to provide for eligibility for free care for persons
below 150% of the federal nonfarm income official poverty line by
October 1, 2006. The amendment designates the rules as routine
technical rules.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 01/26/06 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 846

LR 1784(02)

An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Persons without Health Insurance

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.