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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1002, L.D. 1438, Bill, "An Act To Require Admission Policies for Hospitals Providing Swing Bed Services"

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

'Resolve, Regarding Discharges from Hospitals'

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

'Sec. 1. Hospital discharge guidelines. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a working group of interested parties for the purpose of developing hospital discharge guidelines for patients who are ready for discharge to community-based or facility-based long-term care services. The guidelines must take into consideration the resources that are available to meet the clinical needs of the patient, the recommendations of the patient's health care provider and the preferences of the patient and patient's family. The department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2006 regarding the hospital discharge guidelines.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a working group to develop hospital discharge guidelines. The guidelines

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meet the clinical needs of the patient, the recommendations of  
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patient and patient's family. The amendment requires a report  
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Committee on Health and Human Services by February 1, 2006.



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LD 1438

LR 1184(02)

**An Act To Require Admission Policies for Hospitals Providing Swing Bed Services**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources.