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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 509, L.D. 718, Bill, "An Act To Reinstitute the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee"

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

'An Act To Establish the Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§50-B is enacted to read:

50-B.

<u>Insurance: Health</u>	<u>Maine Health Care</u>	<u>Legislative Per</u>	<u>24-A MRSA</u>
<u>Care Reform</u>	<u>Reform</u>	<u>Diem and Expenses</u>	<u>§4320-K</u>
	<u>Implementation</u>	<u>for Legislators and</u>	
	<u>Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Expenses Only for</u>	
		<u>Other Members</u>	
		<u>upon Demonstration</u>	
		<u>of Financial</u>	
		<u>Hardship</u>	

Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K in the first line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Exchange**" and inserting the following: '**Care Reform Implementation**'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 14 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'The Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee, referred to in this section as "the advisory committee" and established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 50-B, is created to advise the Governor and the Legislature with respect to any federal health care legislation.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K in subsection 1 by striking out all of
2 paragraph J (page 2, lines 15 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

3 'J. Four members representing individuals and small businesses, including:

4 (1) One person, appointed by the President of the Senate, who can reasonably be
5 expected to represent the interests of individuals purchasing individual coverage;

6 (2) One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who
7 can reasonably be expected to represent the interests of employers that purchase
8 small group coverage;

9 (3) One person, appointed by the President of the Senate, who represents an
10 organization advocating for consumers of health care; and

11 (4) One person, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who
12 is employed by an employer that can reasonably be expected to purchase group
13 coverage and who can reasonably be expected to represent the interests of such
14 employees;'

15 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 3,
16 lines 4 to 39 and page 4, lines 1 to 20 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

17 '4. Duties. The advisory committee shall:

18 A. Study any federal health care legislation enacted by the United States Congress to
19 make changes to the federal Affordable Care Act as defined in section 14 or
20 otherwise determine the State's opportunities for health care reform;

21 B. Determine the State's role in implementation of any federal health care legislation;

22 C. Determine the impact of federal health care legislation on existing state law and
23 programs that provide access to health care to residents of this State;

24 D. Advise the Governor and the Legislature regarding the implementation of any
25 federal health care legislation and the interests of residents of this State;

26 E. Serve as a liaison between the State Government and the Federal Government
27 with regard to federal health care legislation;

28 F. Consider any issue related to the implementation of federal health care legislation
29 agreed upon by the majority of the advisory committee; and

30 G. Make recommendations for any changes in policy or law to improve access to or
31 affordability of health care for residents of this State.'

32 Amend the bill in section 2 in §4320-K by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 4,
33 lines 28 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

34 '8. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall provide staff support for the operation of
35 the advisory committee, except that the Legislative Council staff support is not authorized
36 when the Legislature is in regular or special session. In addition, the advisory committee
37 may contract for administrative, professional and clerical services if funding permits.'

38 Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

1 **'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 2 allocations are made.

3 **LEGISLATURE**

4 **Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee N248**

5 Initiative: Provides appropriations and allocations for the operating and support costs of
 6 the Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee.

7	GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
8	All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>

11	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
12	All Other	\$500	\$500
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14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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 16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes
 18 the title of the bill and the name of the advisory committee established in the bill. The
 19 amendment broadens the scope of duties of the advisory committee to reflect that there
 20 may be changes in federal health care law. The amendment also clarifies that the
 21 Legislative Council may not provide staff support to the advisory committee during the
 22 legislative session and authorizes the advisory committee to contract for administrative,
 23 professional and clerical services if funding permits.

24 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

26 (See attached)



Approved: 04/28/17 *MAC*

128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 718

LR 1552(02)

An Act To Reinstitute the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-127)*

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

Legislative Cost/Study

Provides appropriations of \$12,000 in each of fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19 to the Legislature for the operating and support costs of the Maine Health Care Reform Implementation Advisory Committee during the Legislative session and for the operating costs during the interim. Also provides an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$500 in the event the committee receives grants and other nongovernmental funds. As required in the bill, the funds provided to the committee are appropriated and allocated to a new account separate from all other funds of the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.