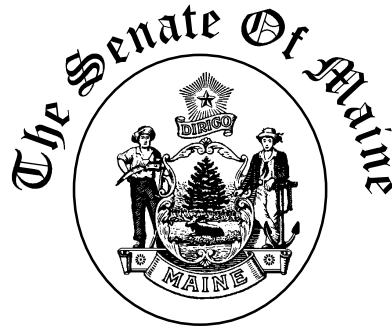


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**One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Legislature
First Regular Session**

Advance Journal and Calendar

26th Legislative Day

In Senate Chamber, Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Senate called to Order by President Michael D. Thibodeau of Waldo County.

Prayer by Pastor Susan Reisert, Old South Congregational Church in Hallowell.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Rodney L. Whittmore of Somerset County.

Reading of the Journal of Thursday, March 30, 2017.

Doctor of the day, Geoffrey Gratwick, M.D. of Bangor.

Michael D. Thibodeau
Senate President

Heather J.R. Priest
Secretary of the Senate

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(3-20) Bill "An Act To Regulate and Tax Sports Fantasy League Activities in Maine"
S.P. 449 L.D. 1320

Presented by Senator KATZ of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative TIMBERLAKE of Turner and Senators: CUSHING of Penobscot, JACKSON of Aroostook, MASON of Androscoggin, Representatives: FARRIN of Norridgewock, GOLDEN of Lewiston.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested and ordered printed.

ORDERS

Joint Orders

(4-1) On motion by Senator **GRATWICK** of Penobscot, the following Joint Order:

S.P. 451

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Whereas, now is a time of potentially significant changes with respect to the delivery of health care; and

Whereas, there currently exists very little impartial data regarding the best method of delivering high-quality health care efficiently and economically in the State; and

Whereas, it is imperative to establish a method to gather this information in order for the Legislature to successfully analyze and guide Maine's health policy; now, therefore, be it

ORDERED, the House concurring, that, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Maine Health Advisory Committee, referred to in this order as "the advisory committee," is established to advise the Legislature regarding the interests of Maine citizens and businesses with respect to the delivery of health care in Maine.

1. Appointment; composition. The advisory committee consists of members appointed as follows:

A. The following 5 members of the Legislature, of whom one must serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services and one must serve on either the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services or the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs:

(1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member recommended by the Senate Minority Leader; and

(2) Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member recommended by the House Minority Leader;

B. One person representing the insurance industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

C. One person representing Maine hospitals or other health care facilities, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One person who is an advocate for enrolling in health insurance hard-to-reach populations, including individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, appointed by the President of the Senate;

E. One person representing health care providers, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

F. One person representing a health care advocacy group, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

G. One person who has expertise in health economics, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

I. One person who has expertise in statistics, polling and data analysis, appointed by the President of the Senate.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall invite the following to participate as ex officio nonvoting members: the Superintendent of Insurance, or the superintendent's designee; the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee; and the Director of the Division of Employee Health and Benefits, Bureau of Human Resources, Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair of the advisory committee and the first-named member of the House of Representatives is the House chair of the advisory committee.

3. Appointments; convening. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following passage of this order. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been made. When the appointment of all members has been completed, the chairs of the advisory committee shall call and convene the first meeting of the advisory committee. If 30 days or more after the passage of this order a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the advisory committee to meet and conduct its business.

4. Duties. The advisory committee shall explore health care issues, including but not limited to the issues of quality, affordability and accessibility of health care throughout the State; the prevention of illness; fairness and equity of health care delivery and accessibility in different geographic regions of the State; various funding options; and methods of cost containment. Through the use of public meetings, questionnaires, polling and other sampling techniques, the advisory committee shall solicit information and concerns from the public. The committee shall review strategies employed by other states and, based on the information it gathers, shall develop recommendations to present to the Legislature regarding the delivery and financing of health care in this State.

5. Reports. The advisory committee shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services a preliminary report on its activities no later than December 31, 2017. The report must include:

A. A review and an evaluation of the continuation of the advisory committee, including the staffing and funding needs of such an advisory committee, and recommendations regarding the advisability of establishing an ongoing advisory committee in the Maine Revised Statutes; and

B. Recommendations for any changes in policy or law that would improve the delivery of health care for citizens and businesses in the State.

6. Compensation. The legislative members of the advisory committee are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the advisory committee. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the advisory committee.

7. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the members of the advisory committee.

8. Meetings. The advisory committee shall hold 6 meetings, 4 of which must be held at geographically diverse locations throughout the State. Meetings of the advisory committee are public proceedings as provided by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

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

10. Funding for advisory committee activities. The Legislative Council on behalf of the advisory committee may accept from a state department or agency funding that is received by that department or agency for functions or activities performed by the advisory committee. The Legislative Council on behalf of the advisory committee may apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources to support the advisory committee's activities. Contributions to support the work of the advisory committee may not be accepted from any party having a pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the matters being studied. Any person, other than a state agency, desiring to make a financial or in-kind contribution shall certify to the Legislative Council that it has no pecuniary or other vested interest in the outcome of the advisory committee's activities. Such a certification must be made in the manner prescribed by the Legislative Council. All contributions are subject to approval by the Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council along with an accounting record that includes the amount of funds, the date the funds were received, from whom the funds were received and the purpose of and any limitation on the use of those funds. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer any funds received by the advisory committee.
