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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 392, L.D. 1272, Bill, "An Act To Increase Access to Low-cost Prescription Drugs"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2042 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "agencies" the following: ', other states'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2042 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph E the following:

'F. Consider whether the program may be developed on a multistate basis through collaboration with other states.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2042 in subsection 1 in paragraph G in the last line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "; and" and inserting the following: ', including adequate funding for the initial start-up costs of the program.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2042 in subsection 1 by inserting after paragraph G a new paragraph to read:

'H. Apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources; and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §2042 in subsection 1 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It adds language to the bill directing the Department of Health and Human Services to consider whether the program

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 may be developed on a multistate basis through collaboration with other states and to
2 apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 **(See attached)**



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1272

LR 972(02)

An Act To Increase Access to Low-cost Prescription Drugs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-23)
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill establishes a wholesale importation program for prescription drugs from Canada by or on behalf of the State in order to provide cost savings to consumers. The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) would require significant funds to hire new staff to administer the program, contract with a third party wholesaler, find suitable premises, either leased or state-owned, to store prescription drugs and other costs unknown at this time. It is expected that there will be some savings on prescription drugs in the MaineCare program, which will be offset slightly by a reduction in the rebates received for prescription drugs. As the program design is left to the DHHS's rulemaking process and the request for federal certification, no estimate of the cost of the program is made at this time.