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MAJORITY

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 343, L.D. 784, "An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders"

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

'An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4301-A, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:

5-B. First responder. "First responder" means an employee or occasional employee of a state, county or municipal government entity or volunteer of a state, county or municipal government entity that provides or has the authority to provide fire, emergency medical, emergency communications, correctional or police services.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4301-A, sub-§19-A is enacted to read:

19-A. Specialized risk screening. "Specialized risk screening" means any of the following standard, medically accepted tests:

A. Tests for evidence of any cancer with a known employment-related risk of exposure for a first responder;

B. Blood tests, including tests conducted for a complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel, renal panel and hepatic panel;

C. Mammography, colonoscopy or prostate examinations regardless of the age of the person who is the subject of the examination;

D. Tests of any measure of serum activity of lipoprotein-associated phospholipase enzyme A2, oxidized low-density lipoprotein or additional indicators of endovascular inflammation; or

E. Tests to measure vitamin deficiencies, nutritional deficits and mineral levels.



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LD 784

LR 577(02)

An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **A(595)**
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill may encourage health insurance carriers to cover specialized risk screenings for first responders in order to avoid potential legal exposure by establishing a rebuttal presumption when health insurance carriers fail to exercise ordinary care when making health care treatment decisions for first responders seeking preventive care. This will potentially increase costs to the State Employee Health Plan. A more precise estimate of the fiscal impact is not possible at this time.