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L.D. 843

Date: 6/3/25

MINORITY

(Filing No. S-242)

HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

132ND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 376, L.D. 843, "An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, specifies that the funding provided in the bill to support the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program must be made by a General Fund appropriation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/23/25 **LRL**

132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 843

LR 1701(03)

An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "BLS-242")

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$3,000,000	\$300,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$3,000,000	\$300,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$300,000 beginning in fiscal year 2025-26 to the Department of the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

Any additional costs to the Department of the Attorney General associated with receiving the report from the consumer assistance program and preparing a report for the Legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.