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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT" D " to H.P. 1991, L.D. 2535,
Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Cigarette Tax and
Provide Funds for Catastrophic Medical Expense."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by striking out
all of the first paragraph of that part designated
"§3454." and inserting in place thereof the follow-
ing:

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'The Department of Health and Welfare is author-
ized to provide financial assistance to, or in
behalf of, families or individuals whose costs for
hospital in-patient or out-patient care, physicians'
services, drugs, appliances and other related
services, including skilled nursing home care as
defined by the department and as determined by the
department to be necessary, cannot be met from their
own or other sources, when said costs are of such
magnitude as to constitute a financial catastrophe
for the said families or individuals, or when it
can be determined that medical indigency exists.
Skilled nursing home care shall be an eligible
service only when the patient is admitted to a
skilled nursing facility within 7 days of discharge
from a general hospital, following a minimum in-
patient stay of at least 5 days. Furthermore,
eligibility for payment for skilled nursing home
care shall be for a maximum of 60 days in any one
year, or in association with any one illness episode.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to include a
limited type of convalescent nursing home care as
a medical expense eligible for financial assistance
under the catastrophic illness program.

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