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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-508)
109TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"^A to H.P. 974, L.D. 1242, Bill,
"AN ACT to Provide Personal Care Assistance Services to Enable
Persons with a Severe Physical Disability to Work."

Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
"§3091." by striking out all of subsections 3, 4 and 5 and
inserting in their place the following:

'3. Personal care assistance services. "Personal care
assistance services" means services rendered at least 5 days
a week at the times of day ~~required~~ required by an individual
with a severe physical disability/^{for him} to become physically independ-
ent in connection with his capability for or actual employment.
These services include, but are not limited to:

- A. Routine bodily functions, such as bowel or bladder care;
- B. Dressing;
- C. Preparation and consumption of food;
- D. Moving in and out of bed;
- E. Routine bathing;
- F. Ambulation; and
- G. Any other similar function of daily living.

4. Severe physical disability. "Severe physical disability" means a functional loss of the arms or legs, or both, when it is anticipated that the loss will be permanent.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3093." in subsection 3 by striking out the following words: "provided by a person other than a family member"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3094." by striking out all of subsections 2 and 3 and inserting in their place the following:

2. Subsidy for full cost of services. If there is no income remaining after the application of the formula outlined in subsection 1, the bureau shall subsidize the full cost for personal care assistance services provided to that individual from this appropriation.

3. Partial subsidy. If there is income remaining after application of the formula outlined in subsection 1, the program cost to the bureau for personal care assistance services provided to that individual shall be reduced by the amount of that income.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3096." by striking out in the first sentence the following word: "make" and inserting in its place the following: 'promulgate'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out all of the last 2 lines and inserting in their place the following:

'All Other	56,250	75,000
To be used to provide sub-		
sidies for personal care		
services to severely physical		
disabled individuals, to enable		
them to seek or hold a job. The		
cost will be offset by taxes gen-		
erated by the employment of these		
individuals.		
Total	<u>\$67,500</u>	<u>\$90,000'</u>

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the nature of personal services rendered; they do not have to be limited to certain hours, but must be for the purpose of helping the person in seeking or retaining employment. The disability category specifies that the loss is a permanent loss of the arms or legs, or both. It also removes the requirement that the services be provided by someone other than a family member.

The amendment
/ further states that the subsidies, or any alterations to them, shall come from the appropriation to the bureau for this purpose.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services
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