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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 35, L.D. 43,
Bill, "AN ACT to Ensure Consistency Between 2 State
Laws Concerning Personal Care Assistance Services."

Amend the Bill in section 2 in that part design-
ated "§3092-A." by adding after the first paragraph
the following:

'The sliding scale shall be based on the net in-
come of individuals who apply for or receive subsi-
dies for personal care assistance services. The ex-
penses associated with each individual's disabilities
shall be factored into the calculation of net income
for the individual. Information needed to determine
net income shall be furnished through the
self-declaration of individuals who apply for or re-
ceive subsidies or their representatives.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of
section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3093-A, sub-§6, as enacted by
PL 1983, c. 541, §1, is repealed and the following
enacted in its place:

6. Income and support. Has no or insufficient
personal income or other support from public ser-
vices, family members or neighbors.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7342, sub-§3, as enacted by PL
1981, c. 511, §1, is amended to read:

3. Income and support. Has no or insufficient
personal income or other support from public ser-
vices, family members and neighbors. A sliding scale
shall be established for services provided under this
chapter. It shall be based on the net income of indi-

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1 viduals who apply for or receive subsidies for per-
2 sonal care assistance services. The expenses associ-
3 ated with each individual's disabilities shall be
4 factored into the calculation of net income for the
5 individual. Information needed to determine net in-
6 come shall be furnished through the self-declaration
7 of individuals who apply for or receive subsidies or
8 their representatives.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This amendment clarifies the language between the
11 personal care assistance work program and the person-
12 al care assistance program under the Home Base Care
13 Act by using identical language whenever possible to
14 establish consistent implementation of the fee sched-
15 ule in both laws.

16 The amendment also describes some of the
17 attributes of the sliding scale by adding language
18 to:

- 19 1. Establish that the sliding scale for finan-
20 cial participation is based on net income;
- 21 2. Factor in the expenses associated with the
22 disability in the determination of ability to partic-
23 ipate financially; and
- 24 3. Allow for the income determination to be
25 based on a declaration of income determination by the
26 client, subject to bureau acceptance of that declara-
27 tion.

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