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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2151

7 S.P. 850

In Senate, March 5, 1986

8 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule
9 24.

10 Referred to the Committee on Human Resources. Sent down for
concurrence and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsored by Senator Gill of Cumberland, Representative Carroll of
Gray and Representative Melendy of Rockland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Repeal the Annual Review of Fee
18 Schedules for Providers under the
19 Medical Assistance Program.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173, 3rd ¶ from the end, as
24 repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, §144, is
25 amended to read:

26 The Department of Human Services may establish
27 fee schedules governing reimbursement for services
28 provided under this chapter. In establishing the fee
29 schedules, the department shall consult with individ-
30 ual providers and their representative associations.
31 The fee schedules shall be subject to annual review-

32 Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3173, last 2 ¶¶, as enacted by
33 PL 1981, c. 329, §1, are repealed.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill requires the department to conduct an
3 annual review of fee schedules for providers partici-
4 pating under the Medicaid program, in consultation
5 with those providers; and taking into account econom-
6 ic factors and levels of provider participation. The
7 department is then required to prepare a report for
8 consideration in the Governor's budget preparation
9 process and the Legislature. This activity has taken
10 place over the past 3 years and has met with mixed
11 responses from the many parties who have widely var-
12 ied expectations of what the outcome of the activity
13 should be.

14 In the First Regular Session of the 112th Legis-
15 lature, Legislative Document 1555, "AN ACT to Estab-
16 lish a Medicaid Report" was passed into law. This
17 law requires that the department prepare a detailed
18 annual report which includes such factors as levels
19 of provider participation for each professional
20 provider type, numbers of recipients served, levels
21 of expenditures for each type of service, rates of
22 reimbursement and additional information. The law
23 requires that this report be submitted to the Legis-
24 lature prior to January 15th of each year.

25 Because the key components of the earlier annual
26 fee review law are also included in the Maine Revised
27 Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-B, the law is
28 redundant.

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