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L.D. 2110

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
113TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1550, L.D. 2110,
Bill, "AN ACT to Conform the Hospital Care Financing
System to Certain Federal Requirements Concerning
the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the
Uniformed Services."

Amend the bill by inserting after the title the
following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, federal law now requires Maine hospitals
to accept payments under the Civilian Health and
Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, CHAMPUS, as
payment in full for services provided to beneficiaries
of that program; and

Whereas, current Maine law governing discounts
from hospital charges does not permit hospitals to
accept CHAMPUS payments that are less than the
hospital's established charges as payment in full; and

Whereas, violation of the new federal requirement
by a hospital could jeopardize that hospital's
participation in the Federal Medicare Program; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these

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1 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
2 Constitution of Maine and require the following
3 legislation as immediately necessary for the
4 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
5 now, therefore,'

6 Further amend the bill in subsection 4 in the 6th
7 and 7th lines (page 2, lines 6 and 7 in L.D.) by
8 striking out the following: "including those
9 differentials required for participation in" and
10 inserting in its place the following: 'and those
11 differentials for payments under'

12 Further amend the bill in subsection 4 in the 9th
13 line (page 2, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after
14 "CHAMPUS," the following: 'that are required,'

15 Further amend the bill in subsection 4 in the 10th
16 to 13th lines (page 2, lines 10 to 13 in L.D.) by
17 striking out the following: "in accordance with the
18 United States Consolidated Omnibus Budget
19 Reconciliation Act of 1985, Public Law 99-272, as
20 amended by Public Law 99-514" and inserting in its
21 place the following: 'as a condition of continued
22 participation in the Medicare program administered
23 under the United States Social Security Act, Title
24 XVIII'

25 Further amend the bill by inserting before the
26 statement of fact the following:

27 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency
28 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when
29 approved.'

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This amendment adds an emergency preamble and
32 clause. It also rewords the amending language of the
33 original bill to clearly distinguish between the
34 Medicare discounts and the CHAMPUS discounts.

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