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L.D. 2242

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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT " *B* " to H.P. 1643, L.D. 2242,
Bill, "AN ACT to Make Health Care More Accessible to
Low-Income Elderly and Disabled Individuals, Children
and Pregnant Women."

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after
the title and inserting in its place the following:

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'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
follows:

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §396-D, sub-§9, ~~¶~~H is enacted
to read:

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H. In determining payment year financial
requirements, the commission shall include an
adjustment for the hospital's assessment under
Title 36, section 2800.

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Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §396-F, sub-§4 is enacted to
read:

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4. Adjustment, revenue deduction. Subsequent to
the close of each payment year, in conjunction with
the determinations made under section 396-I,
subsection 3, the commission shall adjust the revenue
deductions for charity care and bad debts for that
payment year to the extent necessary to reflect the
reduction in charity care and bad debt amounts

1 resulting from the receipt by the hospital of payments
2 for care of patients pursuant to section 3174-E.

3 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §396-Q is enacted to read:

4 §396-Q. Quarterly report

5 By September 15, 1988, and quarterly thereafter,
6 the commission shall report to the Bureau of Taxation
7 the amount of financial requirements for the most
8 recently completed quarter of each hospital's payment
9 year, determined by dividing the financial
10 requirements for the applicable payment year by 4.

11 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3174-E is enacted to read:

12 §3174-E. Medicaid coverage of certain elderly and
13 disabled individuals, children and pregnant
14 women

15 1. Delivery of services. The department shall
16 provide for the delivery of federally approved
17 Medicaid services to qualified pregnant women up to 60
18 days following delivery and infants up to one year of
19 age when the woman's or child's family income is below
20 185% of the nonfarm income official poverty line and
21 children under 5 years of age and qualified elderly
22 and disabled persons, when the child's or person's
23 family income is below 100% of the nonfarm income
24 official poverty line. The official poverty line
25 shall be that applicable to a family of the size
26 involved, as defined by the Federal Office of
27 Management and Budget and revised annually in
28 accordance with the United States Omnibus Budget
29 Reconciliation Act of 1981, Section 673, Subsection.
30 2. These services shall be effective October 1, 1988.

31 2. Resource test. The department may not apply a
32 resource test to those children and pregnant women who
33 are made eligible under this section, unless these
34 persons also receive Aid to Families with Dependent
35 Children or United States Supplemental Security Income
36 benefits.

37 3. Benefits authorized. The scope of medical
38 assistance to be provided within this section shall be

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1 that authorized by the Federal Sixth Omnibus Budget
2 Reconciliation Act, Public Law 99-509.

3 Sec. 5. 36 MRSA c. 369 is enacted to read:

4 CHAPTER 369

5 HOSPITALS

6 §2801. Hospital excise tax

7 Hospitals shall be subject to an excise tax for
8 the fiscal year. The rate of tax shall be .002 of the
9 hospital's financial requirements as determined in
10 Title 22, chapter 107, subchapter III. The State Tax
11 Assessor on or before September 30, 1988; December 30,
12 1988; March 30, 1989; and June 30, 1989, shall
13 determine the amount of such tax on each hospital and
14 shall give notice of the amount to the hospital upon
15 which the tax is levied. The amount of tax on each
16 quarterly notice shall be .002 of the hospital's
17 financial requirements of the most recently completed
18 quarter of the hospital's payment year.

19 Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are
20 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
21 purposes of this Act.

22		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
23	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
24	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
25	Medical Care - Payment to		
26	Providers		
27	All Other		\$2,317,001
28	Provides funds for		
29	Medicaid coverage of		
30	certain elderly and		
31	disabled persons,		
32	children and pregnant		
33	women effective		
34	October 1, 1988.		

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1	Medical Care - Payment to	
2	Providers	
3	All Other	\$(325,000)
4	Deappropriates funds	
5	for prenatal care.	
6	Bureau of Health	
7	All Other	\$(150,000)
8	Deappropriates funds	
9	for prenatal care.	
10	Aid to Families with	
11	Dependent Children	
12	All Other	\$(145,000)
13	Deappropriates funds.	
14	Free Drugs to Maine's	
15	Elderly	
16	All Other	(\$393,408)
17	Deappropriates surplus	
18	funds not needed for	
19	current program.	
20	Regional Income Maintenance	
21	Positions	(15)
22	Personal Services	\$228,282
23	All Other	56,425
24	Capital Expenditures	11,700
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26	Total	<u>\$296,407</u>
27	Provides funds for 11	
28	Income Maintenance	
29	Specialists, 2 Income	
30	Maintenance	
31	Supervisors and 2	

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1	Clerk	Typists	II	
2	positions,		effective	
3	October 1,		1988.	
4	TOTAL			(\$393,408) \$1,993,408
5	Sec. 7.	Allocation.	The following funds are	
6	allocated from federal funds to carry out the purposes			
7	of this Act.			
8				<u>1988-89</u>
9	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>			
10	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>			
11	Medical Care - Payment to			
12	Providers			
13	All Other			\$4,657,713
14	Allocates	federal		
15	Medicaid	matching		
16	funds	effective		
17	October 1,	1988.		
18	Aid to Families with			
19	Dependent Children			
20	All Other			\$(291,484)
21	Deallocates	federal		
22	matching funds.			
23	Regional Income Maintenance			
24	Positions		(15)	
25	Personal Services		\$221,346	
26	All Other		56,425	
27	Capital Expenditures		11,700	
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29	Total			<u>\$289,471</u>
30	Allocates	federal		
31	matching funds for 12			

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1	Income	Maintenance	
2	Specialists,	one	
3	Income	Maintenance	
4	Supervisor and 2 Clerk		
5	Typist II	positions	
6	effective	October 1,	
7	1988.		
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9	TOTAL		<u>\$4,655,700</u>

10 FISCAL NOTE

11 This bill takes advantage of federal Medicaid
12 options at a General Fund cost of \$2,613,408. Of this
13 amount, \$1,600,000 in General Fund revenue will be
14 raised through an assessment on hospitals and the
15 remainder from deappropriations of surplus general
16 funds from various accounts in the Department of Human
17 Services. The General Fund appropriation will
18 generate \$4,655,700 in federal matching funds.'

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This amendment extends Medicaid coverage to
21 pregnant women and infants up to 185% of poverty,
22 children ages one to 4 and elderly and disabled,
23 effective October 1, 1988. The amendment
24 deappropriates funds no longer needed to fund the
25 prenatal program and appropriates funds for additional
26 eligibility staff; \$1,600,000 of the state funds is
27 raised through a one-time assessment on hospitals

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1 which will be passed through to payors and set off by
2 the reduction in charity care that they will receive
3 from the \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in Medicaid payments
4 to hospitals projected under this program.

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