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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 250, L.D. 362, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Base-year Revisions for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1708, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Base-year revisions. In calculating the prospective per diem rate for an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded, the department shall base the facility's operating costs on a revised base-year budget if that budget is submitted by the facility to the department by August 1, 1990. The department shall reimburse the facility for the actual reasonable costs of staff training, orientation of new professional staff, central office expenses, return on equity, out-of-state travel, user fees in lieu of property taxes and other variable costs in the establishment of the prospective per diem rate.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Intermediate Care - Payments to Providers

All Other \$675,280

Provides funds required due to rebasing per diem rates for intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded to reflect necessary and reasonable costs.

2 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

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Intermediate Care - Payments to Providers

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All Other \$558,555

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14 Allocates federal matching funds to rebase
per diem rates for intermediate care
16 facilities for the mentally retarded to
reflect necessary and reasonable costs.

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FISCAL NOTE

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The 3 intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded
operated by the Department of Mental Health and Mental
24 Retardation would also be permitted to submit a revised base-year
budget. As a result, additional revenue to the General Fund,
26 estimated to be \$250,000 to \$500,000 annually, would be generated
due to increased Medicaid reimbursement.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment makes changes to the original bill to account
for changes in reimbursement procedures adopted by the department
since the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature. Many
34 facilities now have a variable per diem rate inadequate to meet
36 necessary and reasonable costs as a result of these changes.

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This amendment gives intermediate care facilities for the
mentally retarded a one-time opportunity to rebase their per diem
40 rate to these actual reasonable costs. It also requires the
department to address several specific cost categories when
42 determine each facility's rate.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note, an appropriation and
an allocation to the bill.