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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 550, L.D. 747, "Resolve, Establishing a Commission to Study the Level of Care of Maine's Elderly Citizens"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'RESOLVE, Establishing a Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens'

Further amend the resolve by striking everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

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

Whereas, it is necessary for this study to begin during the summer in order to be completed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Commission created; purpose of commission. Resolved:
That there is created the Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens. The commission shall analyze data concerning the following aspects of the care of Maine's elderly citizens:

1. The level of services provided by and participation in Medicaid, including the effects of federal SOBRA legislation and options for redesign of the State's Medicaid programs to stimulate and complement the development of private long-term care insurance;

1 2. The financing of long-term care needs and alternate
2 delivery systems; methods to develop more innovative financing
3 strategies such as capitation and prepayment for services for
4 elderly persons, including the benefits and risks of these
5 alternative financial arrangements; and the possible effects of
6 restructuring the financing and delivery systems on the current
7 Medicare and Medicaid shortfalls;

9 3. Mental health services for older people; and

11 4. Participation in the food stamp program, the
12 Supplemental Security Income program, transportation programs for
13 the elderly, the household tax and rent refund program and the
14 elderly low cost drug program; and be it further

15 **Sec. 2. Membership of commission; appointment. Resolved:** That
16 the commission shall consist of 15 members appointed within 30
17 days of the effective date of this resolve as follows:

19 1. One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
20 the Senate and 2 members of the House of Representatives
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

23 2. One representative appointed jointly by the President of
24 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from a
25 list of 3 persons submitted by each of the following: the
26 Department of Human Services, the Maine Committee on Aging, the
27 Maine Hospital Association, the Maine Health Care Association,
28 the Home Care Alliance, an area agency on aging and the American
29 Association of Retired Persons;

31 3. Two representatives of companies providing health
32 insurance in the State appointed jointly by the President of the
33 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

35 4. Three members of the general public from various
36 geographic areas of the State, who are at least 60 years old, to
37 be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the
38 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

41 **Sec. 3. Selection of chair; convening of commission. Resolved:** That
42 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
43 Representatives shall jointly appoint a chair from among the
44 members of the commission. The Executive Director of the
45 Legislative Council shall convene the first meeting within 30
46 days of appointment of all the members; and be it further

47 **Sec. 4. Report. Resolved:** That the commission shall complete
48 its work by December 1, 1990, and present its findings, together
49 with any recommended legislation, to the First Regular Session of
50 the 115th Legislature by December 5, 1990; and be it further
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Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved: That the commission shall request staff assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved: That the members of the Legislature shall receive the per diem and expenses as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and that all members of the commission who are not state employees shall receive reimbursement for expenses upon submission to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

Sec. 7. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens

Personal Services	\$ 2,475
All Other	12,200

Provides funds for the per diem, meeting and related expenses of the Commission to Study the Level of Services for Maine's Elderly Citizens. These funds shall carry forward to June 30, 1991.

**LEGISLATURE
TOTAL**

\$14,675

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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5 This amendment establishes a special commission to gather
and analyze data concerning the level of services to Maine's
7 elderly citizens. This amendment changes the membership of the
study commission, clarifies its responsibilities and adds an
9 appropriation. This amendment authorizes the President of the
Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint the chair of the
study commission.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Human Resources
Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the
House
5/12/89

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