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L.D. 747

(Filing No. H-184)

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 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;

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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 commission shall elect a chair from among its members at its
43 first meeting. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council
44 shall convene the first meeting within 30 days of appointment of
45 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

1 Session of the 115th Legislature by December 5, 1990; and be it
further

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Sec. 5. Assistance. Resolved: That the commission shall
5 request staff assistance from the Legislative Council; and be it
further

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9 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
11 members of the commission who are not state employees shall
receive reimbursement for expenses upon submission to the
13 Executive Director of the Legislative Council; and be it further

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

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

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

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31 Provides funds for the per
diem, meeting and related
expenses of the Commission to
33 Study the Level of Services
for Maine's Elderly
35 Citizens. These funds shall
carry forward to June 30,
37 1991.

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TOTAL**

\$14,675

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43 **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

This amendment establishes a special commission to gather and analyze data concerning the level of services to Maine's elderly citizens. This amendment changes the membership of the study commission, clarifies its responsibilities and adds an appropriation. This amendment permits the study commission to choose its own chair.

Reported by the Minority 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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