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L.D. 1470  
(Filing No. S-189)

STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 535, L.D. 1470, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Health Occupations Training Project"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

**Whereas,** critical shortages of skilled workers in the State's health care industry have resulted in closing of beds in hospitals and other health care facilities; 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, '

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§2157." in subsection 2, in paragraph A, in the last line (page 3, line 34 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "facilities." the following: 'The Department of Human Services shall exempt these reimbursements for student loans from any cost limits established under Medicare pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 447.252 (c) or any other reimbursement limits imposed by the department on nursing homes, rural health clinics and home health agencies.'

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

## COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 535, L.D. 1470

1	'Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated		
2	from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.		
3		<b>1989-90</b>	<b>1990-91</b>
5	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
7	<b>Intermediate Care -</b>		
9	<b>Payments to Providers</b>		
11	All Other	\$69,005	\$69,005
13	Provides funds for repayment		
14	of government student loans		
15	for graduate nurses who are		
16	employed in long-term care		
17	facilities, hospitals, rural		
18	health clinics and home		
19	health agencies.		
21	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
23	All Other	\$33,387	\$33,387
25	Provides funds for repayment		
26	of government student loans		
27	for graduate nurses who are		
28	employed in long-term care		
29	facilities, hospitals, rural		
30	health clinics and home		
31	health agencies.		
33	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
34	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$102,392</u>	<u>\$102,392</u>
35	<b>LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
37	<b>Job Training Partnership Program</b>		
39	Personal Services	\$13,000	\$13,054
41	All Other	587,000	386,946
43	Provides funds for the		
44	administration, marketing,		
45	recruitment and skill		
46	training for the Health		
47	Occupations Training II, or		
48	HOT II Program.		
49	<b>DEPARTMENT OF LABOR</b>		
51	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

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<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>\$702,392</u>	<u>\$502,392</u>
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**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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**FISCAL NOTE**

The funding necessary to expand the Health Occupation Training Project is also included in the Governor's Part II appropriation bill.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment requires the Department of Human Services to exempt reimbursements to nursing homes, rural health clinics and home health agencies for repayment of government student loans for graduate nurses from any cost limits established by the department or their agencies. This amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.

Reported by Senator Pearson of Penobscot for the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12.  
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