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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

14 SENATE AMENDMENT "G " to H.P. 192, L.D. 274, Bill, "An Act
to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June
16 30, 1991 and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law"

18 Amend the bill in Part CC in section CC-2 in the first line
(page 271, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
20 "April 15, 1991" and inserting in its place the following:
'April 1, 1991'

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24 Further amend the bill in Part CC by inserting after section
CC-2 the following:

26 'Sec. CC-3. Special task force. A special task force is created
to evaluate the Maine Health Program; alternative designs of the
28 Maine Health Program to meet the health care needs of uninsured
persons; the effects of those alternative designs on insured
30 persons, private payors and providers; and methods of financing,
including, but not limited to, the maximization of federal funds.

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34 1. The task force includes the chair of the Maine Health
Program Advisory Committee and 2 members of the Joint Standing
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The members
36 from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs must be appointed by the chairs of that committee and
38 include at least one minority member. Each of the following
organizations shall designate to the chairs of the joint standing
40 committee within 7 days of the effective date of this Act a
representative to serve on the task force: the Maine Hospital
42 Association; the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition; the Maine
Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of
44 Maine; and Consumers for Affordable Health Care.

46 2. The task force shall evaluate the level of benefits
potentially provided under the Maine Health Program and the
48 actual services and costs incurred to date and compare the needs

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of beneficiaries and the actual and potential distribution of services and costs under the Maine Health Program with those under the plan provided for state employees or other employer-supported group health insurance plans.

3. The task force shall make recommendations by May 1, 1991 to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs regarding the financing, federal funding and design of the Maine Health Program for the fiscal years 1991-92 and 1992-93.

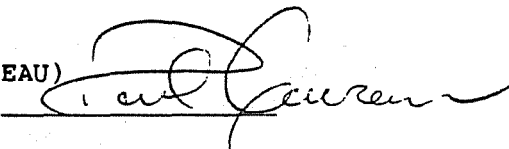
4. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation shall provide to the task force consultation and information as requested.

5. The Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall provide staff support as requested by the chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.'

Further amend the bill in Part CC by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment creates a special task force to evaluate utilization patterns of the adult population and to make recommendations on whether the benefit plan under the Maine Health Program should be redesigned. The amendment also changes the reporting date of the Maine Health Program Advisory Committee from April 15, 1991 to April 1, 1991.

(Senator GAUVREAU)
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