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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 169, L.D. 403, Bill, "An Act to Enhance Medical and Social Services for Maine's Long-term Care Consumers"

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. 23 MRSA §4209, sub-§3, ¶A-2 is enacted to read:

A-2. In consultation with the Bureau of Insurance, advise transportation providers regarding the liability of volunteer drivers;

Sec. 2. Home equity conversion report. The Maine State Housing Authority shall study the home equity conversion program, which is jointly administered by the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services and the Maine State Housing Authority, and shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters by February 1, 1993. A copy of the report must be sent to the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The report must present program statistics and an analysis of the program's success, along with any recommended legislation.

Sec. 3. Mail order; request for proposals. By July 1, 1992, the Department of Human Services shall issue a request for proposals for a mail-order option in the elderly low-cost drug program. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 155 and Title 22, section 254, the department shall consider only proposals that:

- 1. Are submitted by in-state bidders. For the purposes of this section, "in-state bidder" means a person or group of persons whose principal place of business is located in the State;

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2. Include an incentive to the consumer in the form of a reduced copayment;

3. Are estimated by the department to result in a mail-order option with unit costs that are at least 10% less than the unit costs of the nonmail-order portion of the program. Notwithstanding the Maine Medical Assistance Manual, section 80.01-11, a bidder may propose an amount that is less than the reimbursement charge that the bidder submits to the state Medicaid program; and

4. Do not make participation compulsory.

The department may not accept any proposal that does not meet the conditions specified in this section. By January 1, 1993, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters and the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The report must specify whether a proposal was accepted and, if a proposal was accepted, must specify the savings expected to result from the proposal.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1992-93

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care Administration

Personal Services	\$5,812
All Other	250

Provides funds for a project position to develop and administer a request for proposals.

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
TOTAL**

\$6,062

FISCAL NOTE

1992-93

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund	\$6,062
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2 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$6,062 in
4 fiscal year 1992-93 to the Department of Human Services for costs
6 associated with developing and administering a request for
proposals and submitting a report to the Legislature.

8 The Department of Transportation and the Bureau of Insurance
10 can absorb the costs of assisting transportation providers within
12 their respective budgeted resources.

14 The Maine State Housing Authority can absorb the costs
16 associated with studying the home equity conversion program and
18 submitting a report within its budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

20 This amendment removes all of the original bill's provisions
22 except the requirement of:

24 1. The Department of Transportation to offer advice to
transportation providers;

26 2. The submission of a report regarding home equity
conversion. The amendment requires the Maine State Housing
28 Authority to submit the report rather than the Maine Committee on
Aging; and

30 3. The Department of Human Services to offer a mail-order
option in the elderly low-cost drug program. The amendment adds
32 a new section that requires the department to issue a request for
proposals that is limited to in-state bidders. The department
34 may not accept any bid unless it estimates that the bid will save
at least 10% over the present retail purchase system.

36 An appropriation section and a fiscal note are added to the
38 bill.

Reported by the Majority for the Committee on Human Resources.
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