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STATE OF MAINE
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 546,
L.D. 783, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Law Concerning the Maine
High-Risk Insurance Organization"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in the first line (page 1,
line 44 in amendment) by striking out the following: "sub-§§5 and
7" and inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§5' and in the
2nd line (page 1, line 45 in amendment) by striking out the
following: "are" and inserting in its place the following: 'is'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all
of subsection 7 (page 1, lines 50 and 51 and page 2, lines 1 to
16 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment in section 4 in the first line
(page 3, line 44 in amendment) by striking out the following:
"sub-§§1 to 3" and inserting in its place the following: 'sub-§§1
to 4'

Further amend the amendment in section 4 by inserting at the
end the following:

'4. Premium subsidy. The board shall make available a plan
to subsidize premiums for those individuals who have been denied
health insurance because of a health condition and who meet
income eligibility requirements set by the board. The subsidy
plan to be paid from the General Fund shall may not exceed
\$50,000 in costs during the first 2 years of operation. Funds
appropriated for this purpose may not lapse, but must be carried
forward to fulfill the purposes of this subsection.

No subsidy may be given to a person if the premium amount, after
deducting the subsidy, is less than the premium of any comparable
individual health insurance policy currently available to that
person in the State.

2 The board shall relate the experience of the subsidy plan to the
Legislature in the annual report and shall make recommendations
4 regarding the subsidy plan.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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10 This amendment deletes the provision in Committee Amendment
"B" that changed the due date for the Maine High-Risk Insurance
Organization's annual report from February 1st to April 1st. The
12 amendment also adds a nonlapsing clause for the appropriation
provided to subsidize premiums under the program for low-income
14 insureds.

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