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6	Acceptance
8	STATE OF MAINE SENATE 116TH LEGISLATURE
10	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
12	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 238, L.D. 731, Bill, "Ar
14	Act to Ensure Small Boarding Homes Sufficient Funds to Remain Economically Viable"
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18	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:
20	'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7907, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 622,
22	Pt. M, §29, is further amended to read:
24	2. Boarding care facilities. Reimburse all boarding care facilities of 6 or fewer beds, except as provided in section
26	7906-A, on a flat rate basis of at least \$601 per month. Any
28	increase in federal social security income after July 1, 1993 must be passed on to the boarding care facility to increase the
2.0	reimbursement rate.
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32	FISCAL NOTE
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2.5	The Department of Human Services will be unable to reduce
36	state payments to certain boarding homes as a result of requiring increased reimbursement rates when federal social security income
38	increases, rather than maintaining the reimbursement rate and utilizing federal funds to reduce the state funds required.
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42	The Department of Human Services will also incur some minor additional costs to revise boarding facility rates to reflect any increase in federal social security income. These costs can be

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absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

2 STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. The original bill increased the flat rate paid to small boarding homes, resulting in a cost to the State. The amendment does not increase the rate but requires that future federal supplemental security income increases be passed on to boarding home providers, allowing the state supplemental security income to remain constant but ensuring that future federal cost-of-living increases are passed on to providers.

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This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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Reported by Senator Baldacci for the Committee on Human Resources. Reproduced and Distributed Pursuant to Senate Rule 12. (5/26/93) (Filing No. S-221)