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HUMAN RESOURCES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 105, L.D. 140, "Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Acupuncture pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance Abuse are authorized to pursue a home-and-community-based waiver from the federal Health Care Financing Administration to develop a pilot project for the treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency through the use of acupuncture. The Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance Abuse may establish treatment standards for the project by either formal rulemaking or protocols that are binding on the participants. The pilot project must be limited to a finite number of patients determined by the Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance Abuse and may not last longer than 2 years. Acupuncture treatment under the project must be reimbursable as allowed under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX. The pilot project must be developed and implemented in a manner that ensures that it will be cost-neutral or will result in savings to the State's Medicaid program. The Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance Abuse shall submit a report on the results of the acupuncture pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters at the end of the project.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

4 **FISCAL NOTE**

6 The Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance
Abuse within the Executive Department will incur some minor
8 additional costs to seek approval for a home and community-based
waiver for the acupuncture pilot project. These costs can be
10 absorbed within the respective agencies' existing budgeted
resources.

12 The bill requires that the project be cost-neutral or
14 generate savings to the Medicaid program. The additional costs
and additional savings to the 2 agencies, by program, can not be
16 determined at this time and will depend on federal approval and
on the specific eligibility and treatment standards that are
18 adopted. The net impacts on the individual programs within the 2
agencies are not expected to be significant.'

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22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 This amendment replaces the original resolve. It authorizes
the Department of Human Services and the Office of Substance
26 Abuse to establish a pilot project of not more than 2 years'
duration to provide Medicaid reimbursement for acupuncture
28 treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency, provided that the
project results in no increased cost to the Medicaid program.

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The amendment adds a fiscal note to the resolve.