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HUMAN RESOURCES

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
117TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 271, L.D. 373, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Maine Health Program"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act Creating the Short-term Medical Plan'

Further 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. 5 MRSA §1513, sub-§1-F is enacted to read:

1-F. Transfer from Rainy Day Fund; Short-term Medical Plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller is authorized to transfer \$192,526 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Short-term Medical Plan no later than April 1, 1995.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§37-B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. FFF, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §396-G, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1993, c. 673, §1 and affected by §10, is further amended to read:

6. Differentials; Short-term Medical Plan. The commission shall provide that the differential determined pursuant to this section for the ~~Maine-Health-Program~~ Short-term Medical Plan for charges incurred by the ~~program~~ plan is equal to 100%.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 673, §2 and affected by §10, is further amended to read:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 271, L.D. 373

1. **Program created; intent.** The Maine Health Program is created to expand access of Maine citizens to basic health care services. The Maine Health Program is intended to meet, to the extent of available funds, the health care needs of uninsured Maine residents ~~with the highest priority being those needs of residents who are financially needy and under the age of 18.~~ After ~~On~~ April 1, 1995, the Maine Health Program is ~~a privately administered and funded program that may be governed by state law but there is no right or claim of entitlement to health care benefits under state law created by operation of the program~~ terminates and the Short-term Medical Plan is established. The Short-term Medical Plan is the successor in every way to the Maine Health Program. In accordance with the requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, the Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules necessary for the implementation and administration of the Short-term Medical Plan.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§5-A, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 673, §4 and affected by §10, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§8-B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. FFF, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§8-C, as amended by PL 1993, c. 673, §5 and affected by §10, is further amended to read:

8-C. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for the Maine Health Program end on April 1, 1995. Funds are appropriated for the services of the Short-term Medical Plan from April 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995.

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §3189, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Fund balances. Any balances remaining on March 30, 1995 in the Maine Health Program or on June 30, 1995 in the Maine Health Program or the Short-term Medical Plan may not lapse but must be carried forward to June 30, 1996 in order to pay expenses remaining from the fiscal year 1994-95. Any balances remaining in either program on June 30, 1996 lapse to the General Fund.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §3189-A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 673, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 10. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1994-95

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Short-term Medical Plan**

4 All Other \$200,000

6 Provides for the appropriation of funds to
7 continue the Maine Health Program through
8 June 30, 1995. Any unexpended balance may
9 not lapse but must be carried forward in
10 accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes,
11 Title 22, section 3189, subsection 13.

12 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
13 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 **1994-95**

20 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

22 General Fund \$200,000

24 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000
25 in fiscal year 1994-95 to the Department of Human Services to
26 support the costs of a Short-term Medical Plan for certain adults
27 for the period April 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995. A \$192,526
28 transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to the Short-term Health Plan is
29 authorized in fiscal year 1994-95 to provide funding for the
30 remaining estimated cost of the plan. The projected balance in
31 General Fund unappropriated surplus on June 30, 1995 is \$228,990
32 so that a balanced General Fund budget is maintained.'

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This amendment establishes the Short-term Medical Plan to
37 succeed the Maine Health Program from April 1, 1995 to June 30,
38 1995. It deletes portions of Maine Health Program laws that are
39 not necessary after the termination of the program and not
40 applicable to the Short-term Medical Plan. It corrects a
41 cross-reference to the Maine Health Program in the Maine Revised
42 Statutes, Title 22, section 396-G, subsection 6 concerning
43 hospital finances.