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SENATE AMENDMENT "B " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1025, L.D. 1440, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Catastrophic Health Care Expense Program"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 through 5 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. 1. Proof of gross receipts tax repeal savings reduction of rates charged.** All persons licensed by this State as a nursing home within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1812-A prior to the repeal of Title 36, section 2822, subsection 2 who increased their rates by 7% after July 1, 1993 shall reduce rates charged to consumers of nursing home services by 7% and shall provide proof to those consumers that the rates charged for nursing home care no longer include an amount related to the gross receipts tax. The Department of Human Services shall send a letter to all nursing home consumers that notifies those consumers that the gross receipts tax of 7% has been repealed effective January 1, 1997. All persons licensed by the State as a nursing home must include a statement concerning the repeal of the 7% gross receipts tax on the first bill provided to consumers of those nursing homes in calendar year 1997.'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment replaces the committee amendment, thereby removing the fiscal impact of that amendment. The bill as amended by this amendment will generate additional mailing costs to the Department of Human Services, which can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A" and requires nursing homes that were subject to the gross receipts tax and actually increased their rates as a result to reduce their rates by 7% and to prove to consumers that the rates no longer include an amount attributable to the gross receipts tax. The Department of Human Services is required to mail to each nursing home consumer a notice that the 7% gross receipts tax is repealed, effective January 1, 1997. All nursing homes are required to include on the first bill to nursing home consumers in calendar year 1997 a statement concerning the repeal of the 7% gross receipts tax.

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