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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1151, L.D. 1590, Bill, "An Act to Correct an Error in the Hospital Assessment Program"

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency measure, the State will be unable to determine gross patient service revenue limits at the levels budgeted for fiscal year 1995-96, which, in turn, results in the inability to fully collect the hospital assessment tax pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2801-A during that time period; and

Whereas, because of this inability, the State stands to lose a substantial amount of revenue per month to the State Medicaid Special Revenue account; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:

'Sec. 1. PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. W, §10, sub-§3 is repealed.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7 and
8 and inserting in their place the following:

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6 '7. **Retroactivity.** This Act applies retroactively to July 1,
1995.'

8 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

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

14 Further amend the bill by inserting at end before the
statement of fact the following:

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18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 This bill permits the Department of Human Services to
22 establish gross patient service revenue limits that allow the
department to assess the hospitals, in aggregate, at the existing
24 budgeted revenue amounts. This authority will permit the
collection of additional Other Special Revenue estimated to be
\$22,700,000 in fiscal year 1995-96 and \$31,500,000 in fiscal year
1996-97.'

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28 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This amendment makes the bill an emergency measure. The
36 amendment removes the provisions that do not directly pertain to
collecting the hospital assessment at existing budgeted levels.
It also repeals the provision that restricted rulemaking
38 concerning the establishment of gross patient service revenue
limits.