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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 122, L.D. 146, "Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 (page 1, lines 6 to 30 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 10 members:

- 1. One pharmacist representing long-term care pharmacy providers;
2. One long-term care pharmacist;
3. One pharmacist representing a retail pharmacy;
4. One pharmacist, or a designee, from within the Department of Human Services with expertise in Medicaid reimbursement;
5. Two members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and one other Legislator;
6. One member representing persons receiving long-term care;
7. One physician with experience in long-term care; and
8. One registered nurse with experience in long-term care.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 The members of the commission are appointed jointly by the
Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
4 House; and be it further'

6 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 4 in
the last line (page 2, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the
8 following: "and"

10 Further amend the resolve in section 4 in subsection 5 in
the last line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the
12 following: "be it further"

14 Further amend the resolve in section 4 by inserting at the
end the following:

16 '6. Whether there are potential cost savings and other
18 benefits from more efficient patterns of stocking standard,
nonchargeable medical supplies; and be it further'

20 Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 7
22 (page 2, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the
following:

24 '**Sec. 7. Reimbursement and compensation. Resolved:** That all
26 members must be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses to
commission meetings and that members who are nonsalaried must be
28 compensated for attendance at commission meetings at the
legislative rate, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
30 3, section 2, upon application to the Executive Director of the
Legislative Council; and be it further

32 **Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are
34 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

36 **1997-98**

38 **LEGISLATURE**

40 **Commission to Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals**
42 **in Long-term Care Settings**

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| 44 | Personal Services | \$1,320 |
| 46 | All Other | 3,200 |
| 48 | TOTAL | <hr/> \$4,520 |

50 Provides funds for the per diem of

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2 nonsalaried members, expenses of members and
 3 miscellaneous costs, including printing, of
 4 the Commission to Study the Use of
 Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings.'

6 Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the
 7 summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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1997-98

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund

\$4,520

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18 The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of
 \$4,520 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the per diem of nonsalaried
 20 members, expenses of all members and miscellaneous costs,
 including printing, of the Commission to Study the Use of
 22 Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings.

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24 The Legislature will incur some additional costs to provide
 staff and clerical assistance to the commission. These costs can
 26 be absorbed within the Legislature's existing budgeted resources.

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28 The additional costs associated with participating as a
 member of the commission can be absorbed by the Department of
 30 Human Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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36 This amendment changes the membership of the Commission to
 Study the Use of Pharmaceuticals in Long-term Care Settings,
 which is being established in part to search for savings in the
 38 cost of long-term care. It adds a physician and a registered
 nurse, each with experience in long-term care. It decreases the
 legislative members from 4 to 3. It changes the designations of
 40 some of the other members. It adds to the list of duties
 examination of potential cost savings and other benefits from
 42 more efficient patterns of stocking standard, nonchargeable
 medical supplies. It allows travel reimbursement for all members
 44 and compensation for attendance at meetings for all nonsalaried
 members. The amendment also adds an appropriation to pay for the
 46 expenses of the commission and a fiscal note.