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L.D. 657

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6	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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12	STATE OF MAINE
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 118TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
16	A STATE SESSION
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 486, L.D. 657, "Resolve, to
20	Establish the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Long-term Care Facilities"
2,2	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and
24	inserting in its place the following:
26	'Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of the following 15 members:
28	<ol> <li>Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of</li> </ol>
30	the Senate, one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party;
32	2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed
34	by the Speaker of the House, one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party; and
36	3. Eleven other members appointed as follows:
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40	A. The following members appointed by the Governor:
	(1) The chair, who must have experience with rate
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44	(2) One representative of the Department of Human Services;
46	(3) One representative of the Long-term Care Steering
48	Committee;
50	(4) One representative of the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority; and
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2	(5) One representative of a commercial lending institution; and
4	B. The following members appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
6	Representatives:
8	(1) One representative of the long-term care ombudsman program;
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12	(2) One representative of the Maine Health Care Association;
14	(3) One representative of the Maine Hospital Association;
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18	(4) One representative of providers of long-term care services who is familiar with the principles of reimbursement;
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22	(5) One representative of consumers of long-term care services who is familiar with the principles of reimbursement; and
24	(6) One representative of the American Association of
26	Retired Persons; and be it further'
28	Further amend the resolve in section 3 in the last 2 lines (page 1, lines 42 and 43 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
30	". The commission shall select a chair from among its members"
32	Further amend the resolve in section 4 by striking out all of subsections 1 to 3 (page 1, line 48 and page 2, lines 1 to 5
34	in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:
36	'1. The setting of rates for the different payers within the long-term care system, including monthly charges and charges
38	for resident services and supplies, and ensuring affordability;
40	2. The levels of profit guaranteed by the rate of reimbursement, a comparison of rates among the different states
42	and financial stability within the system;
44	3. The advisability of rate equalization between private and public payers, implementation of rate equalization and what
46	the possible benefits and detriments might be for nursing facility residents:

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# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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The Legislature will require a General Fund appropriation of \$500 in fiscal year 1997-98 for the miscellaneous costs of the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities. The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the commission can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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#### **SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds members to the Commission to Examine Rate Setting and the Financing of Maine's Long-term Care Facilities. It adds duties from the suggestions of the informal study of nursing home rates during the summer of 1996 and from another bill. It adds an appropriation section and fiscal note to the resolve.

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