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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
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118TH LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 778, L.D. 1066, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Prehearing Settlement Process"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 6 and inserting in its place the following:

'6. Preadministrative hearing settlement process. The department may adopt rules to establish a preadministrative hearing settlement process. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The Department of Human Services will realize some minor savings from the ability to establish a preadministrative hearing process.

The additional costs associated with training hearing officers in settlement techniques can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment substitutes more standard language for the adoption of rules, changes the rules from major substantive rules to routine technical rules and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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