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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Reported by: Senator Paradis

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 336, L.D. 1114, "Resolve, to Extend the Protections against Spousal Impoverishment under the Medicaid Program"

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Amend the resolve by striking out all of the 6th paragraph after the title (page 1, lines 23 to 25 in L.D.)

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Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 33 to 39 in L.D.)

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Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the 10th line (page 1, line 50 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "settings." the following: 'They shall also study medical and financial eligibility screening and the availability and development of long-term care options.'

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Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 3 (page 2, lines 5 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 3. Reports. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Human Services and the Long-term Care Steering Committee shall submit a report containing final recommendations on medical and financial eligibility screening and an interim report on the availability and development of long-term care options to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 1, 1998. They shall submit a report containing final recommendations on the availability and development of long-term care options and levels of spousal and family support

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2 assistance to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services no later than November 1, 1998. In submitting reports
4 to the committee, the commissioner and the Long-term Care
Steering Committee may submit proposed legislation concerning
6 financial support for the spouses and families of long-term care
recipients.'

8 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
10 consecutively.

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

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16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
additional costs to study and report on the financial support
20 available to spouses of long-term care recipients. These costs
can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
22 resources.'

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26 **SUMMARY**

28 This amendment adds to the study duties of the Commissioner
of Human Services and the Long-term Care Steering Committee. It
changes the initial report date to January 1, 1998. It also adds
30 a fiscal note to the bill.