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H.P. 1098

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

**Resolve, Requiring the Department of Human Services to Enable People
with Disabilities to Purchase Medicaid Health Insurance.**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, STEVENS of Orono,
TOWNSEND of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford, Senator: LIBBY of York.

Sec. 1. Department of Human Services to adopt rules. Resolved:

That the Department of Human Services shall adopt a rule permitting people with disabilities who work at least 10 hours per week and whose employers do not offer health insurance coverage or whose health insurance coverage does not meet the health needs of the disabled person to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program. The rule must also provide for the purchase of Medicaid coverage for children with disabilities whose parents work. The rule must provide for a sliding scale fee based upon income. The department shall apply to the Federal Government for a waiver to permit funding under the federal Medicaid program for benefits under this resolve. Rules adopted under this resolve are routine technical rules for purposes of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to allow people with disabilities to purchase Medicaid coverage on a sliding fee basis if they work at least 10 hours per week and their employers do not offer adequate health care insurance. The resolve also permits the purchase of coverage for children with disabilities whose parents work. The department is required to seek a federal waiver to permit federal Medicaid funding.