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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Reported by: Senator Paradis

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 558, L.D. 1684, "Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project Voucher System for Nursing Facility Level Care Reimbursement under the Medicaid Program"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, to Establish 2 Pilot Projects to Promote Innovations in and Improve Long-term Care'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the first line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1, 1998" and inserting in its place the following: 'July 1, 1998'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after "Medicaid program." the following: 'The waiver must provide that any savings be used to increase coverage for consumers of long-term care services and must be revenue neutral.'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last indented paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "90" and inserting in its place the following: '180'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2 years" and inserting in its place the following: '3 years'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

RWS

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 558, L.D. 1684

2 Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last indented
paragraph in the last 2 lines (page 2, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.)
4 by striking out the following: "and January 1, 1999." and
inserting in its place the following: ', January 1, 1999 and
January 1, 2000; and be it further'

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8 Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the
following:

10 'Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
12 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

14 1997-98

16 HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

18 Bureau of Medical Services

20 All Other \$50,000

22 Provides funds to support a portion of the
24 estimated cost of applying for a Medicaid
waiver.

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28 ; and be it further

30 Sec. 3. Allocation. Resolved: That the following funds are
32 allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the
purposes of this resolve.

34 1997-98

36 HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

38 Bureau of Medical Services

40 All Other \$50,000

42 Provides funds to support a portion of the
44 estimated cost of applying for a Medicaid
waiver.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

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1997-98

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$50,000

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Other Funds 50,000

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REVENUES

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Other Funds \$50,000

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The net General Fund impact of this resolve, by program, by fiscal year can not be determined and is, to a large extent, contingent upon federal approval. The Department of Human Services will experience additional savings and costs if the required waiver is approved. The amounts will depend on the number of consumers who participate in the voluntary program, the specific services those consumers select and the ability of the department to limit the provision of reimbursable services to the amount of the voucher.

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The department will also incur additional costs to prepare the required waiver request. The actual increase in administrative costs will depend on the level of effort extended. The department has estimated that the appropriate level of preparation will result in additional costs of \$100,000, primarily to contract for actuarial assistance. This resolve provides that level of funding through a \$50,000 General Fund appropriation and a \$50,000 Federal Expenditure Fund allocation in fiscal year 1997-98.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the date of the application for a waiver to July 1, 1998. It requires any savings under the waiver to be used to increase coverage for consumers of long-term care services. It sets an implementation date 180 days from the date of the granting of the waiver. It changes the length of the pilot projects from 2 years to 3 years. It also adds an appropriation, an allocation section and a fiscal note to the resolve.