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

SENATE AMENDMENT "*A*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1225, L.D. 1737, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Confidentiality of Health Care Information"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The additional costs associated with the potential increase in lawsuits to enforce confidentiality of health care information can be absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The additional costs associated with adopting rules can be absorbed by the Maine Health Data Organization utilizing existing budgeted resources.

This bill may increase the number of civil suits and civil violations filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional filing fees and fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

The Bureau of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

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L.D. 1737

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the fiscal note on the committee amendment.

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