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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1543, L.D. 2170, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission to Determine the Adequacy of Services to Persons with Mental Retardation"

Amend the amendment in section 5 in the 7th to 10th lines (page 3, lines 1 to 4 in amendment) by striking out the following: "provide funding for direct care workers to be paid an hourly wage of at least \$7.99 per hour and for direct care workers who are paid hourly wages of over \$7.99 to receive a 3% cost-of-living increase." and inserting in its place the following: 'provide a cost-of-living adjustment for direct care workers within the limitations of funding provided in this Act.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 6 and 7 (page 3, lines 14 to 47 and page 4, lines 1 to 9 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 6. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1998-99

MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION
AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF

HOUSE AMENDMENT

Medicaid Services - Mental Retardation

2 All Other \$370,000
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6 Provides funds for a salary
8 increase for certain staff
who work in nonintermediate
care facilities.

10 Mental Retardation Services - Community

12 All Other \$83,000
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16 Provides funds for a salary
increase for certain staff
who work in nonintermediate
care facilities.

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20 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,
MENTAL RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE
ABUSE SERVICES**
22 **TOTAL**

\$453,000

24 **Sec. 7. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
26 Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

28 **1998-99**

30 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

32 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

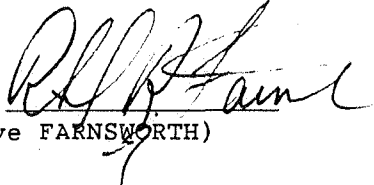
34 All Other \$728,250
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38 Provides funds for the
federal share of a salary
increase for certain staff
who work in nonintermediate
care facilities.'

42 FISCAL NOTE

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46 This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by
\$1,992,282 in fiscal year 1998-99. It provides General Fund
48 appropriations totalling \$453,000 and a Federal Expenditure Fund
allocation of \$728,250 to provide a cost of living increase for
certain direct care workers.

SUMMARY

This amendment eliminates the requirement that the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services provide funding for direct care workers to be paid at least \$7.99 per hour and for direct care workers who are paid hourly wages of over \$7.99 to receive a 3% cost-of-living increase and replaces it with language requiring direct care workers to receive a 4% cost-of-living increase.

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