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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 101, L.D. 114, Bill, "An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Need for an Ombudsman for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Relating to the Department of Human Services"

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

'An Act Regarding Medicaid Managed Care Ombudsman Services'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-X is enacted to read:

§3174-X. Contracted ombudsman services

The department shall contract for ombudsman services for the Medicaid managed care population as long as nonstate funding is available for use as the state seed money for such a contract and General Fund money is not required. The department shall contract with the Maine nonprofit organization, other than the health benefits advisor already under contract with the department, best able to provide ombudsman services.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 101, L.D. 114

FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to continue contracting for ombudsman services for the Medicaid managed care population provided non-General Fund resources are available for the state seed. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It requires the Department of Human Services to contract for ombudsman services, with a nonprofit organization other than the health benefits advisor, for the Medicaid managed care population provided that non-General Fund money is used for the state seed to pay for the services. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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