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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 144, L.D. 206, "An Act to Create the Maine Tax filer's Prescription Medication Plan"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 12 members appointed as follows:

1. The President of the Senate shall appoint 5 members as follows:

A. Two Senators, one from each major political party. The first-named Senator is the Senate chair;

B. One person from a professional organization representing pharmaceutical manufacturers;

C. One person from a statewide organization representing health care carriers regulated under the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 24 and 24-A; and

D. One person from a statewide organization representing hospitals;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint 5 members as follows:

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2 A. Four Representatives, 2 from each major political party. The first-named Representative is the House chair; and

4 B. One person from a statewide organization representing pharmacies; and

8 3. The Governor shall appoint 2 members as follows:

10 A. The Director of the Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services or the director's designee; and

12 B. One person from a statewide organization representing pharmaceutical wholesalers; and be it further'

14 Further amend the amendment in section 3 in the last line (page 3, line 10 in amendment) by striking out the following: "August 1," and inserting in its place the following: 'July 30,'

16 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in the 2nd indented paragraph by striking out all of the last sentence (page 3, lines 29 and 30 in amendment)

18 Further amend the amendment in section 4 in the last paragraph in the 2nd line (page 3, line 33 in amendment) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting in its place the following: '4' and in the last 2 lines (page 3, lines 34 and 35 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and 10 meetings of any subcommittees it elects to form"

20 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in its place the following:

22 **'Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That the commission members who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for each day's attendance at meetings of the commission and are entitled to reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses, upon application to the Legislative Council. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the commission's budget; and be it further'

24 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 8 and inserting in its place the following:

26 **'Sec. 8. Appropriation. Resolved:** That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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LEGISLATURE

**Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing
of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies**

Personal Services \$1,320
All Other 1,700

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 4 meetings of the Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies and to print the required report.

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TOTAL**

\$3,020'

FISCAL NOTE

This amendment reduces the cost of the resolve by \$29,630. As amended, this resolve includes an additional General Fund appropriation to the Legislature in the amount of \$3,020 in fiscal year 1999-00 for the per diem and expenses of legislative members for 4 meetings of the Commission to Study Bulk Purchasing of Prescription Drugs and Medical Supplies and to print the required report.

SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the size of the commission to 12 members, changes the deadline for the first meeting to July 30, 1999, removes authority to hire consultants and restricts per diem and expense reimbursement to Legislators. The amendment also changes the appropriation.

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