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HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 543,  
L.D. 750, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Patient's Bill of Rights"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1.

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Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "~~§4301-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 12.

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Further amend the amendment in section 3 in that part designated "~~§4301-A.~~" by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

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Further amend the amendment in section 19 in the first line (page 11, line 48 in amendment) by striking out the following: "4313" and inserting in its place the following: '4312'

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Further amend the amendment in section 19 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§4313.~~"

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Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment removes the right to sue provision, eliminating the associated undetermined potential employer costs to the State's employee health insurance program and the minor costs to the Judicial Department and minor increase in General Fund revenue.

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As amended, this bill includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$15,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau

HOUSE AMENDMENT

H. 43

HOUSE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 543, L.D. 750

2 of Insurance within the Department of Professional and Financial  
3 Regulation to contract with approved independent review  
4 organizations to conduct an external review of adverse health  
5 care treatment decisions and render an external review decision.

6 As amended, this bill also provides enrollees in a health  
7 plan or managed care plan access to prescription drugs and  
8 clinical trials for qualified members, standing referrals to  
9 specialists for enrollees with special conditions and continuity  
10 of care to enrollees undergoing a course of treatment when the  
11 enrollees' provider is terminated or their coverage changes to  
12 another carrier. These provisions are addressed at varying  
13 levels within the State's employee health insurance program and,  
14 therefore, are not expected to appreciably affect the costs of  
15 the state employee health insurance program or the State's share  
16 of retired teachers' health insurance.

18 The additional costs associated with legal work can be  
19 absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General utilizing  
20 existing budgeted resources.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment removes the right-to-sue provision.

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