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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 605, L.D. 845, Bill, "An Act to Increase Access to Health Care for Low-income Maine People"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Study Methods to Increase Access to Health Care for Low-income Maine People'

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

'Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall study methods by which funds, including federal matching funds, may be obtained to provide medical assistance to adult residents of the State with incomes below 125% of the nonfarm income official poverty line who are currently ineligible for the Medicaid program. The department shall report the findings of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by December 31, 1999. The report must include a survey of other states that are providing health coverage to this population and how that coverage is financed. The report must also include an analysis of both the financial impact and the health risks, including long-term health costs resulting from this population being uninsured. In addition, the report must include an estimate of the number of persons in this population who are uninsured and the cost of providing coverage to them under the Medicaid program.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Human Services will incur additional costs to conduct a health coverage study. These costs can be absorbed within the Department of Human Services' existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve requires the Department of Human Services to do a study of methods by which to provide health coverage to adults with incomes below 125% of the federal poverty level. It also adds a fiscal note.

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