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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 722, L.D. 1012, Bill, "An Act to Increase Public Trust in Medical Care"

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

'Resolve, to Increase Public Trust in Medical Care'

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

'Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2000, the Department of Human Services shall adopt rules regarding the wearing of identification badges by persons who provide services in health care facilities licensed by the department. In adopting the rules, the Commissioner of Human Services shall consider the goal of increasing information available to consumers of health care services. If the rules require certain employees to wear identification badges in some situations in some facilities, the rules must contain exceptions for situations in which wearing an identification badge would create a safety hazard. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.'

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. 722, L.D. 1012

FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to adopt rules. 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 changes the bill to a resolve. It directs the Department of Human Services to adopt rules regarding the wearing of identification badges by persons who provide services in health care facilities licensed by the department. If the rules require certain employees to wear identification badges in some situations in some facilities, the rules must contain exceptions for situations in which wearing an identification badge would create a safety hazard. It adds a fiscal note.