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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 536, L.D. 1598, Bill, "An Act Regarding Hospital Cooperation"

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 §1887, as amended by PL 1995, c. 232, §6, is further amended to read:

§1887. Assessment

Except for state-operated mental health hospitals, all hospitals licensed by the department are subject to an annual assessment under this chapter. The department shall collect the assessment. The amount of the assessment must be based upon each hospital's gross patient service revenue. For any fiscal year, the aggregate amount raised by the assessment ~~must be equal to the amount allocated by law to carry out the purposes of this chapter in that fiscal year~~ may not exceed \$200,000. ~~The allocation for the fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 is limited to no more than \$200,000 per year.~~ The department shall deposit funds collected under this section into a dedicated revenue account. Funds remaining in the account at the end of each fiscal year do not lapse but carry forward into subsequent years. Funds deposited into the account must be allocated to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to July 1, 1998.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It removes repeal of the provision that the amount of the assessment is based on each hospital's gross patient service revenue. It retains the provision limiting the assessment to \$200,000 per fiscal year. It retains repeal of an outdated provision. It applies these provisions retroactively to July 1, 1998.

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