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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 1176, L.D. 1687, Bill, "An Act Relating to Medicaid Liens"

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-F in the first line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting in its place the following: '*-A- Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a*'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2-F in the 3rd line from the end (page 2, line 42 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "lien" the following: ', consistent with federal law,'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

Allowing the compromise, release or settlement of Medicaid-related claims when the commissioner determines that the best outcome requires such action, may result in reduced casualty settlements collected each year by the Department of Human Services. The amount of reduced collections that may occur and the impact on General Fund appropriations and Federal Expenditures Fund allocations can not be determined at this time.

This bill may both increase and decrease the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The net effect on the Judicial Department's workload and administrative costs will be minimal. The net effect on the collection of filing fees will also be insignificant.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1176, L.D. 1687

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### SUMMARY

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6 This amendment adds to the bill clarifying language with  
regard to resolution of a dispute about the settlement of a claim  
for reimbursement of the Medicaid program. It also adds a fiscal  
8 note to the bill.