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MINORITY

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1655, L.D. 2324, "Resolve, to Increase the Reimbursement Amount for Occupational and Physical Therapy Services Under the Medicaid Program"

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

'Resolve, to Study Reimbursement Rates for Health Care Providers'

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

'Sec. 1. Study of reimbursement rates. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services shall study reimbursement rates for providers of health care services under the Medicaid program. The department shall convene meetings of providers, consumers and other interested persons and shall notify Legislators of all meetings. The study must include consideration of usual and customary rates, percentages of patients for whom reimbursement is paid by the Medicaid program and reimbursement rate history and availability of services for patients. The department shall report its findings and recommendations for increases, including suggestions for a periodic method for making adjustments in the future, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 1, 2001.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **FISCAL NOTE**

4 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
6 additional costs to study the reimbursement rates for providers
8 of health care services under the Medicaid program. These costs
can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.'

10 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
14 Committee on Health and Human Services. It amends the resolve to
change the title. It amends the resolve to delete the directive
16 to increase fees and calls for a study of reimbursement rates
under the Medicaid program for all providers of health care
18 services. It requires a report to the joint standing committee
of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human
20 services matters by January 1, 2001. It adds a fiscal note to
the resolve.