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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 923, L.D. 2374, Bill, "An Act to Establish an Office of Women's Health"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§36-E is enacted to read:

Table with 4 columns: 36-E, Women's Health Advisory Committee, Not Authorized, 22 MRSA §259. Row 1: Human Services

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §§258 and 259 are enacted to read:

§258. Office of Women's Health established

There is established within the department the Office of Women's Health, referred to in this section as the "office," to provide leadership in the field of health for women and girls and to improve their health status and their access to health services. The purpose of the office is to provide a comprehensive focus on women's health, including but not limited to preventing disease, improving health and the quality of life and promoting recovery. The office shall support and operate in partnership with private initiatives.

1. Director. The commissioner shall appoint a director who shall direct the office and coordinate the activities of the office with any staff members working on projects related to the

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office who are employed by other state agencies and with private initiatives in women's health.

**2. Functions.** Using funding provided from public and private sources, the office:

A. Coordinates women's health efforts within state agencies and departments;

B. Applies for funding from nonstate sources, including private and federal sources;

C. Makes grants to community and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving women's health services, health access, health information, policy analysis and public awareness;

D. Develops programs and services to improve women's health; and

E. Advises the commissioner and the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services regarding women's health issues.

**§259. Women's Health Advisory Committee**

There is established the Women's Health Advisory Committee pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 36-E, referred to in this section as the "advisory committee." By September 1, 2000, the Director of the Office of Women's Health, after consultation with persons who represent health research, health care delivery, health policy, public health, mental health and health advocacy, shall appoint the initial members of the advisory committee. After appointment of the initial advisory committee and after consultation with existing advisory committee members, the Director of the Office of Women's Health shall make appointments as necessary to fill any vacancies.

**1. Qualifications of members.** Advisory committee members must be persons who are current leaders in the field of health for women and girls with proven experience in women's health in the State, including but not limited to public health, health advocacy, mental health, economics, community and social services, research, service delivery and health and social policy.

**2. Chair and vice-chair.** Advisory committee members shall select a chair and a vice-chair from among the members.

**3. Meetings.** The advisory committee shall meet at least 4 times per year and as otherwise determined necessary by the chair.

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2 4. Terms. Members of the advisory committee serve 3-year  
terms and may be reappointed.

4 5. Duties. The duties of the advisory committee are:

6 A. To advise and assist the Director of the Office of  
8 Women's Health in the administration of funds, grants and  
contracts and in other matters;

10 B. To advocate on behalf of women and girls with respect to  
12 policies, programs and activities related to their health;  
and

14 C. To gather and disseminate information and commission  
16 studies and publicize the results.

18 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

20 **2000-01**

22 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

24 **Office of Women's Health**

26	Positions - Legislative Count	(2.000)
	Personal Services	\$85,059
28	All Other	255,000

30 Provides funds for one Director position and  
32 one Clerk Typist III position, related  
operating costs and funds for contracted  
34 services and grants associated with the  
establishment of the Office of Women's  
36 Health.

38 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**TOTAL** \$340,059

40 **MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION**  
42 **AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**

44 **Office of Women's Health**

46	Positions - Legislative Count	(1.000)
	Personal Services	\$52,998
48	All Other	15,000

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Provides funds for one Health Program  
Manager position to support the Office of  
Women's Health.

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL  
RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SERVICES**

**TOTAL** \$67,998

**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS** \$408,057'

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

**2000-01**

**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

General Fund \$408,057

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$340,059  
in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services for  
one Director position and one Clerk Typist III position and  
related costs to support the Office of Women's Health and funds  
to contract for services and provide grants to community and  
nonprofit organizations to improve women's health services,  
health access, health information, policy analysis and public  
awareness. The estimated future costs in fiscal years 2001-02  
and 2002-03 will be approximately \$345,782 and \$357,942,  
respectively.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of  
\$67,998 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Mental  
Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for one  
Health Program Manager position to support the operation of the  
Office of Women's Health. The estimated future costs in fiscal  
years 2001-02 and 2002-03 will be approximately \$68,008 and  
\$71,162, respectively.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes the Office  
of Women's Health, within the Department of Human Services, to  
provide leadership in the field of health for women and girls and  
to improve their health status and their access to health

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2 services. The office will develop programs and services, make  
3 grants to nonprofit and community organizations for the purpose  
4 of improving women's health, coordinate women's health efforts  
5 and advise the Commissioner of Human Services and Commissioner of  
6 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services.  
7 The amendment also establishes the Women's Health Advisory  
8 Committee to advise and assist the Director of the Office of  
9 Women's Health, to advocate on behalf of women and girls with  
10 respect to health and to gather and disseminate information and  
commission studies and publicize the results. The amendment  
appropriates \$408,057 for these purposes and adds a fiscal note.

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