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16	1026, L.D. 2599, Bill, "An Act to Establish Fairer Pricing for Prescription Drugs"
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20	Amend the amendment on page 9 by inserting after the first indented paragraph the following:
22	'Further amend the bill by inserting after Part B the following:
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26	'PART C
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30	Sec. C-1. Commission established. The Commission to Study Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs, referred to in this Part as the
32	"commission," is established.
34	Sec. C-2. Commission membership. The commission consists of the following members:
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38	1. One Senator who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, appointed by the President of the Senate;
40	2. One Senator who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the Senate;
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44	3. Three members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
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4. Three members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

5. One representative of pharmaceutical manufacturers, 6 appointed by the Governor;

8 6. One public member representing consumer interests, appointed by the Governor; and

 One representative from the Bureau of Revenue Services
 within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, appointed by the Governor.

Sec. C-3. Chairs. The first named Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission and the first named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

Sec. C-4. Appointments; meetings. All appointments must be
 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
 Part. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be
 notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have
 been made. When the appointment of all members has been
 completed, the chairs of the commission shall call and convene
 the first meeting of the commission no later than June 15, 2000.

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Sec. C-5. Duties. The commission shall study the implications of and feasibility of establishing a state tax credit for prescription drugs.

Sec. C-6. Staff assistance. Upon approval of the Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission.

Sec. C-7. Compensation. The members of the commission who 36 are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their 38 attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other members of the commission who are not otherwise compensated by 40 their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred 42 for their attendance at authorized meetings.

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Sec. C-8. Report. The commission shall submit its report,
46 together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the
First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than
48 December 31, 2000. If the commission requires a limited
extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the
50 Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

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2 Sec. C-9. Budget. The chairs of the commission, with assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the 4 commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur 6 that would result in the commission's exceeding its expenses 8 approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the commission chairs and staff with a status report on the 10 commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available 12 funds.

14 Sec. C-10. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of 16 this Part.

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- Provides funds for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and expenses of other
 eligible members of the Commission to Study Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs and to
 print the required report.
- 34 LEGISLATURE TOTAL

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This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$7,080 in fiscal year 2000-01.

This amendment includes a General Fund appropriation of 44 \$7,080 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Legislature for the per diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of 46 other eligible members of the Commission to Study Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs and to print the required report.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing 50 assistance to the commission during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing

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existing budgeted resources. If the commission requires staffing
assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
staff services.

6 The additional costs associated with participating as a member of the commission can be absorbed by the Bureau of Revenue 8 Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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SUMMARY

16 This amendment establishes the Commission to Study Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs to study the implications of and feasibility of establishing a state tax credit for prescription drugs.

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