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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \mathcal{H} " to H.P. 211, L.D. 246, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Appropriate Audit Procedures"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 5 by striking out all of the last underlined sentence.

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Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill prohibits the Department of Human Services from contracting with a private vendor to pursue possible overpayments to health care providers in Maine effective July 1, 2003. Based on this delayed effective date and the assumption that the department has implemented Phase I of its claims management system, this bill would not significantly affect future budgeted savings from audit recoveries.

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However, if the department is not able to implement Phase I of its claims management system by the July 1, 2003 effective date, the Bureau of Medical Services may require additional General Fund appropriations to establish an internal fraud and audit initiative. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

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Public Law 1999, chapter 731 provided a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,416,613 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Bureau of Medical Services within the Department of Human Services to implement Phase I of the Medicaid Claims Management System. The department estimates that an additional \$378,000 will be needed for the State's share of the cost to complete the Phase I implementation. Neither LD 300, as amended, the "current services" budget, nor the Governor's proposed supplemental, "Part 2," budget includes a request to fund the additional cost associated with completing Phase I of the Medicaid Claims Management System.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It removes a retroactivity provision. It adds an effective date of July 1, 2003. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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