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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 404, L.D. 525, Bill, "An Act to Improve Access to Residential Care in Rural Maine"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF | | |

Nursing Facilities

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| All Other | \$262,080 | \$350,400 |
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Provides funds to establish access to long-term care in rural communities by allowing the use of nursing facility flex beds.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

| | 2001-02 | 2002-03 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS | | |

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 404, L.D. 525

2 General Fund \$262,080 \$350,400

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6 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$262,080
8 and \$350,400 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively,
10 for the Nursing Facilities program within the Department of Human
12 Services to establish access to long-term care in rural
14 communities by allowing the use of nursing facility flex beds.

16 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
18 additional costs to seek federal matching funds for a pilot
20 program utilizing all nursing facilities with nursing facility
22 flex beds. These costs can be absorbed within the department's
 existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

20 This amendment adds an appropriation section and a fiscal
22 note to the bill.