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BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 552, L.D. 707, "Resolve, to Explore the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Residency Program"

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, only 2 Maine residents enrolled in dental schools in 1999; and

Whereas, the unequal distribution of dentists across the State has resulted in the Federal Government designating almost 1/2 of Maine's 46 "dental care analysis areas" as "dental health professional shortages areas"; and

Whereas, a recent preliminary study on the feasibility of establishing a dental residency program in Maine recommended a General Fund appropriation to the Finance Authority of Maine to contract for a feasibility study to establish an accredited dental residency program in Maine; and

Whereas, failure to move aggressively to address Maine's need for additional dental professionals will result in the State falling further behind in providing adequate dental care to its citizens; and

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Dental residency program study. Resolved: That, as long as the Finance Authority of Maine receives an appropriation from the General Fund in an amount equal to or exceeding \$25,000, the Finance Authority of Maine shall study and report on methods of relieving the shortage of dentists in this State, including, at a minimum, the feasibility of establishing an accredited dental residency program. The authority shall report its findings along with any implementing legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than January 15, 2002; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2001-02

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Finance Authority of Maine

All Other \$25,000

Appropriates one-time funds to allow the authority to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing an accredited dental residency program.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

2001-02

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$25,000

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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$25,000 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Finance Authority of Maine to study the feasibility of establishing an accredited dental residency program.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment amends the original resolve by making the study described in the resolve contingent on funding. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause. It also adds a fiscal note.