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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 617, L.D. 802, Bill, "An Act to Improve End-of-life Care in the State"

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 5.

Further amend the bill in section 6 by striking out all of the 4th sentence (page 2, lines 45 to 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'The bureau shall solicit and accept outside funding through grants and other sources to establish and operate the center, which must be hosted by an educational institution, professional association or other entity interested in the care of the terminally ill.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of sections 7 to 9 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 7. Professional education. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration shall provide a report on current professional entry-level and continuing educational requirements related to end-of-life care for the following licensed professions: counselors, social workers, psychologists, allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, nursing, funeral directors, acupuncturists and naturopathy. For the purposes of this report, "end-of-life care" includes palliative care, hospice, pain management, advanced health care directives, appointment of health care decision surrogates and do-not-resuscitate orders. The office shall request the licensing boards for the professions listed in this section to provide a statement assessing how current entry-level and continuing education requirements address end-of-life care issues. The office shall submit these statements in the form of a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 15, 2002.

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2 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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2001-02

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund	\$50,000
Other Funds	7,400

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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$50,000
in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Maine Hospice Council to support
volunteer hospice programs.

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This bill also includes an Other Special Revenue funds
allocation of \$7,400 in fiscal year 2001-02 for the Office of
Licensing and Registration within the Department of Professional
and Financial Regulation for the per diem, travel, advertising
and other costs associated with conducting a study of
end-of-life-related educational requirements for professionals
working in end-of-life care.

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The Bureau of Health within the Department of Human Services
may require additional Other Special Revenue funds allocations to
establish the Maine Center for End-of-life Care. The amount of
the allocations can not be determined at this time and will
depend on the amount of funding received through outside grants
and other sources of funds needed to establish and operate the
center.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment does the following.

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1. It removes the provisions relating to a mandated health
insurance benefit for hospice care.

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2. It removes the provisions relating to reimbursement
under the Medicaid program for hospice care because that issue is
addressed in other legislation.

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2 3. It requires the Department of Human Services, Bureau of
4 Health to solicit grants and funding from other outside funding
6 Care and requires that the center be hosted by an educational
institution, professional association or other entity interested
in the care of the terminally ill.

8 4. It requires the Department of Professional and Financial
10 Regulation, Office of Licensing and Registration to compile a
12 report on the current entry-level and continuing educational
requirements related to end-of-life care issues for licensed
health care professions.

14 5. It requires the Maine Health Data Organization to gather
16 baseline data and standardized assessment tools regarding
end-of-life care within the organization's existing database.

18 6. It removes the provision requiring the Joint Standing
20 Committee on Health and Human Services to undertake a study of
end-of-life care and the barriers to inpatient hospice care.

22 7. It retains the appropriation of \$50,000 to the Maine
24 Hospice Council.

26 8. It also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to
the bill.

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