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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 701, L.D. 916, "Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services to Establish a Prescription Drug Reimportation Program"

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Authorizing the Department of Human Services to Establish a Prescription Drug Reimportation Program'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Establish program. Resolved:** That the Department of Human Services, referred to in this resolve as the "department," is authorized to establish a prescription drug reimportation program whereby the State, through the department, acquires prescription drugs from foreign jurisdictions. In operating the reimportation program, the State may not act as a distributor of prescription drugs. This authorization is contingent upon the department obtaining approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services for the State to establish a prescription drug reimportation program and is further contingent upon cost savings to be realized by the citizens of the State as a result of the operation of the reimportation program.'

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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The Department of Human Services will require additional General Fund appropriations to establish a prescription drug reimportation program. The amount can not be determined at this time and will depend on the specific program provisions and the scope of the program approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It amends the resolve and authorizes the Department of Human Services to establish a prescription drug reimportation program. This authorization is contingent upon the department obtaining approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services for the State to establish a prescription drug reimportation program and is further contingent upon cost savings to be realized by the citizens of the State as a result of the operation of the reimportation program. In operating the program, the State may not act as a distributor of prescription drugs. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.