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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 964, L.D. 1277, Bill, "An Act to Establish a Single-payor Health Care System"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill in section 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "SINGLE-PAYOR" the following: 'CATASTROPHIC'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§6901." and inserting in its place the following:

'§6901. Maine Single-payor Catastrophic Health Care Plan established

There is established the Maine Single-payor Catastrophic Health Care Plan to provide health care coverage to all citizens of this State through a plan that emphasizes quality, cost containment, choice of provider and access to catastrophic care.'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "§6902." by striking out all of subsection 3 (page 1, lines 37 and 38 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'3. Fund. "Fund" means the Maine Single-payor Catastrophic Health Care Fund.'

2 Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the
title in the first line (page 1, line 22 in amendment) by
4 striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place
the following: 'Further amend'

6 Further amend the amendment on page 1 by inserting after
subsection 4 the following:

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10 'Amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
"~~§6902.~~" by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting in its
place the following:

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14 '4. Plan. "Plan" means the Maine Single-payor Catastrophic
Health Care Plan.'

16 Further amend the amendment on page 3 in subsection 2 in the
13th line (page 3, line 35 in amendment) by inserting after the
18 following: "single-payor" the following: 'catastrophic'

20 Further amend the amendment on page 3 in subsection 2 by
striking out all of the blocked paragraph (page 3, lines 46 to 48
22 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

24 'The board shall retain and strengthen existing health facilities
whenever possible.'

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28 Further amend the amendment on page 3 by inserting after
subsection 2 the following:

30 'Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
"~~§6911.~~" in subsection 1 by striking out all of paragraph A (page
32 4, lines 2 to 4 in L.D.)

34 Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated
"~~§6911.~~" by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in its
36 place the following:

38 '2. Covered health care services. The plan must provide
coverage for catastrophic health care services from a provider
40 within this State if those services are determined medically
necessary by the provider for the patient, except that the plan
42 may not provide cosmetic services. The plan must provide
coverage for catastrophic health care services after an enrollee
44 has paid a deductible of \$10,000. Copayments or additional
deductibles may not be charged to enrollees after that \$10,000
46 deductible has been met. This subsection does not preclude
supplementary benefit insurance for services that are not
48 medically necessary. Covered health care services must include
all services and providers for which coverage is mandated under
50 this Title.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment decreases the total cost of the bill. The amount can not be determined at this time.

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As amended, this bill establishes a single-payor catastrophic health care plan with a \$10,000 deductible. The cost to establish and administer the plan can not be determined at this time.

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SUMMARY

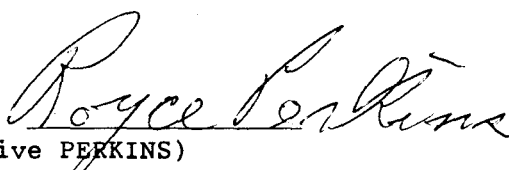
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This amendment limits coverage under the Maine single-payor health plan to catastrophic health care coverage for medically necessary services after an enrollee has paid a \$10,000 deductible.

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