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L.D. 1363

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "*A*" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 419, L.D. 1363, Bill, "An Act to Reduce Medical Errors and Improve Patient Health"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Medical Services

Initiative: Effective April 1, 2003, adds 2 Health Services Consultant positions, one Planning and Research Associate position and one Clerk III position. Provides funding to establish a system for receiving, reviewing and reporting serious medical errors, referred to as sentinel events.

General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(4.000)
Personal Services	\$0	\$41,722
All Other	0	23,750
Total	\$0	\$65,472

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect April 1, 2003.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 419,
L.D. 1363

FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment would delay the effective date of the bill
until April 1, 2003. This would decrease the fiscal year 2002-03
General Fund appropriation in the bill from \$247,981 to \$65,472.

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To meet the requirements to establish a system to receive,
review and report serious medical errors, the amendment would
still add 2 Health Services Consultant positions, one Planning
and Research Associate position and one Clerk III position in the
Bureau of Medical Services. Given the amendment's April 1, 2003
effective date, much of the cost of designing the computer system
will shift into the following year, requiring a General Fund
appropriation of \$71,250 in fiscal year 2003-04. These costs
would be in addition to the ongoing full-year personal services
costs of the 4 positions of \$170,226 in fiscal year 2003-04 and
\$173,630 in fiscal year 2004-05.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment delays start-up of the reporting system for
sentinel events in health care facilities to April 1, 2003. It
also adjusts the appropriations and allocations section and the
fiscal note accordingly.

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