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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1167, L.D. 1567, Bill, "An Act to Require Registration of Unlicensed Assistive Personnel"

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

'An Act to Protect Consumers of Health Care Services'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Public information campaign. The Department of Human Services shall coordinate a public information campaign to increase consumer awareness of good hiring practices regarding unlicensed health care workers. The campaign must include advice on checking the references and qualifications of job applicants, including the need for name, date of birth and Social Security number to obtain accurate information from the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and criminal record information. The department shall enlist the assistance of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the long-term care ombudsman program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A, an organization providing legal services for the elderly, area agencies on aging and other interested agencies, providers of health care and advocates for consumers of health care services. The Department of Human Services shall report before January 1, 2002 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress that has been made with regard to the public information campaign.



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## SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It changes the title. The amendment requires the Department of Human Services to coordinate a public information campaign to increase consumer awareness of good hiring practices regarding unlicensed health care workers. It requires the department to enlist the assistance of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the long-term care ombudsman program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A, an organization providing legal services for the elderly, area agencies on aging and other interested agencies, providers of health care and advocates for consumers of health care services. It requires the Department of Human Services to report before January 1, 2002 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress that has been made with regard to the public information campaign. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note.