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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
120TH LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 699, L.D. 1901, "Resolve, to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Purchase Coverage Under the Medicaid Program"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January 1, 2002" and inserting in its place the following: 'August 1, 2002'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "for" the following: 'employed'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 7th line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "any" the following: 'separate'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the 3rd, 4th and 5th lines from the end by striking out the following: "The amended rules must grant eligibility to employed persons who have a medically improved disability."

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 699, L.D. 1901

2 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

4 Medical Care - Payments to Providers

6 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the number of persons
8 with disabilities eligible to purchase coverage in the Medicaid
program.

10	General Fund	2001-02	2002-03
12	All Other	\$0	\$893,626
14	Federal Expenditures Fund	2001-02	2002-03
	All Other	\$0	\$1,758,870

16 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
18 DEPARTMENT TOTALS

		2001-02	2002-03
20	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$893,626
22	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$1,758,870
	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$2,652,496'

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

28 FISCAL NOTE

30		2001-02	2002-03
32	APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
34	General Fund	\$0	\$893,626
	Other Funds	0	1,758,870

36 REVENUES

38	Other Funds	\$0	\$1,758,870
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40 This resolve includes an appropriation to the Bureau of
42 Medical Services within the Department of Human Services of
\$893,626 and a Federal Expenditures Fund allocation of \$1,758,870
44 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the purpose of amending the rules
allowing persons with disabilities to purchase coverage under the
46 Medicaid program. The proposed change would eliminate any
separate income limit for unearned income. The estimated fiscal
48 impact assumes an August 1, 2002 effective date.

By increasing the number of persons with disabilities

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2 eligible for the Medicaid program, the resolve could reduce the
3 demands on a number of state programs. However, any resulting
4 savings can not be determined at the present time. The estimated
5 fiscal impact assumes the collection of \$300,000 per year in
6 premiums that reduce the cost of the resolve.'

8 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment removes the requirement that the Medicaid
11 disabilities buy-in program be available for persons with a
12 medically improved disability. This amendment is required for
13 the program to operate under only one federal program.

14 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations
15 section and a fiscal note to the resolve.
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT