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No. 1901

S.P. 699

In Senate, December 17, 2001

Resolve, to Allow Persons with Disabilities to Purchase Coverage Under the Medicaid Program.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Speaker SAXL of Portland and
Senator MARTIN of Aroostook, Representatives: COWGER of Hallowell, DUDLEY of
Portland, DUGAY of Cherryfield.

Sec. 1. Medicaid buy-in for persons with disabilities. Resolved:

2 That by January 1, 2002, the Department of Human Services shall
3 amend the rules regarding eligibility for persons with
4 disabilities to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program.
5 The amended rules must maintain the income eligibility limit of
6 250% of the federal nonfarm income official poverty level for
7 earned and unearned income combined and must remove any
8 limitation on unearned income. The amended rules must grant
9 eligibility to employed persons who have a medically improved
10 disability. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
11 technical rules as defined by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
12 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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17 This resolve requires the Department of Human Services to
18 amend the rules allowing persons with disabilities to purchase
19 coverage in the Medicaid program. The rules must maintain income
20 eligibility limits while removing separate limits on earned and
21 unearned income and provide eligibility for employed persons who
22 have a medically improved disability.