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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1437, L.D. 1934, "Resolve, to Provide Access to Personal Care Assistant Home Care Services"

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Human Services review rules for personal care assistant home care services. Resolved: That, by October 1, 2002, the Department of Human Services shall review its rules regarding the reimbursement structure for personal care assistant home care services, identify barriers to those services and revise rules as necessary to improve the delivery of those services. The department shall include in the process representatives of provider agencies, Elder Independence of Maine, consumers, family members and advocacy groups. The department shall consider a different method of reimbursement for one-hour visits. The department shall report on its work on these issues periodically during the fall of 2002 to the Long-term Care Implementation Committee established pursuant to Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part BBBB, section 15. By January 15, 2003, the department and the Long-term Care Implementation Committee shall report jointly to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on actions taken to improve the delivery of services.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

RES.

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
additional costs to periodically report to the Long-term Care
Implementation Committee and the Joint Standing Committee on
10 Health and Human Services. These costs can be absorbed within
the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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18 This amendment removes from the resolve the provision for a
\$1 per hour reimbursement increase for personal care assistant
home care services. It requires periodic briefings from the
Department of Human Services to the Long-term Care Implementation
20 Committee. It changes the report date from October 1, 2002 to
January 15, 2003. It also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.