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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1441, L.D. 1938, Bill, "An Act to Maintain the Family Caregiver Initiative for Elderly Citizens in Maine"

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

'An Act to Make Changes to the Respite Care Fund Administered by the Department of Human Services'

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7308, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 875, Pt. E, §42, is amended to read:

§7308. Respite Care Fund

The department shall administer the Respite Care Fund for the ~~specific~~ purpose of providing short-term respite care for ~~victims of persons with~~ Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. This respite care must may include short-term in-home care, nursing or boarding--home residential care facility stays, hospital, or adult day or--temporary--in-home care or home modifications. The department also may use the fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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FISCAL NOTE

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The Bureau of Elder and Adult Services within the Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional costs to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It makes changes to the Bureau of Elder and Adult Services' Respite Care Fund within the Department of Human Services and authorizes the department to designate an amount from the fund to carry out the purposes of the National Family Caregiver Support Program. It also changes the title and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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