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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 293, L.D. 373, Bill, "An Act Eliminating the Receipt by the Maine Veterans' Homes of Any Reimbursement from the MaineCare Program for the Costs of Renovating the Existing 120-bed Maine Veterans' Homes Nursing Facility in Augusta"

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §610, as amended by PL 1997, c. 395, Pt. P, §4, is further amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

The provisions of this section pertaining to the Department of Human Services' reimbursement of long-term care facilities for depreciation of assets created with federal or state grants do not apply to renovations undertaken by the Maine Veterans' Homes 120-bed Augusta nursing facility in accordance with a certificate of need application filed January 22, 2002. The Department of Human Services shall amend its rules regarding reimbursement of long-term care facilities accordingly. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds a section to the bill to exempt the

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2 proposed Maine Veterans' Homes renovation project from the
statutory prohibition against the Department of Human Services'
4 modifying its principles of reimbursement for long-term care
facilities to exclude reimbursement for depreciation of assets
6 created with federal or state grants. The amendment directs the
Department of Human Services to amend its rules regarding
8 reimbursement of long-term care facilities for the purposes of
the proposed Maine Veterans' Homes renovation.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential future biennium cost increase.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill notwithstanding the state statutory provision that required Medicaid (MaineCare) reimbursement for this renovation project (Title 37-B, Sec. 610), and requires the Department of Human Services amend its long-term care facility reimbursement rules accordingly. There is a possibility that the federal government will not approve this change to the MaineCare reimbursement rules. Should the Certificate of Need be granted without an appropriation, and reimbursement be subsequently allowed, the bill would have a fiscal impact.