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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 417, L.D. 532, Bill, "An Act To Regulate Assessments of the Maine Health Data Organization"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Maine Health Data Organization To Evaluate the Current System of Annual Assessments and User Fees'

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

'Sec. 1. Evaluation of assessments and user fees. Resolved: That the Maine Health Data Organization shall evaluate its annual assessments and user fees, including the computation methodology for assessments and the equity of the distribution of assessments across providers and payors, with particular attention to the category of nonhospital providers. With respect to user fees, the Maine Health Data Organization shall examine current fees and develop potential strategies to reduce or eliminate user fees for providers and payors that are required to pay assessments to the organization; and be it further

Sec. 2. Report and recommendations. Resolved: That the Maine Health Data Organization shall report the results of its work and recommendations for improvements to the annual assessments and user fees to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The amendment deletes the provisions repealing the assessments to support the Maine Health Data Organization and repealing the rule-making authority regarding the enforcement of assessments. The amendment requires the Maine Health Data Organization to evaluate the current system of annual assessments and user fees and make recommendations for improvement to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 30, 2004.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

LD 532

An Act To Regulate Assessments of the Maine Health Data Organization



LR1452(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional cost to the Maine Health Data Organization can be absorbed utilizing existing resources.