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121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 225, L.D. 616, Bill, "An Act To Provide Safe Staffing Levels for Patients and To Retain Registered Nurses"

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

'Resolve, To Improve the Quality of Health Care'

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

'Sec. 1. Review and report. Resolved: That the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 30-A, shall review direct-care registered nurse staffing levels in general, acute and specialty care hospitals, the issue of minimum staffing ratios for direct-care registered nurse staffing in hospitals and the rules of the Department of Human Services on direct-care registered nurse staffing. The Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its review under this section and any recommendations from the council by January 15, 2005.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It directs the Maine Quality Forum Advisory Council to review direct-care registered nurse staffing levels in general, acute and specialty care hospitals, the issue of minimum staffing ratios for direct-care registered nurses in hospitals and the rules of the Department of Human Services on direct-care registered nurse staffing. The council is directed to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on its review under this section and any recommendations from the council by January 15, 2005.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)



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

**LD 616**

**An Act To Provide Safe Staffing Levels for Patients and To Retain  
Registered Nurses**

**LR 0469(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"  
Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Majority Report**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Any additional costs to the Maine Quality Advisory Council can be absorbed by the Council within existing budgetary resources.