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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE
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121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 262, L.D. 767, Bill, "An Act To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Department of Human Services To Enact Rules To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves'

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

'Sec. 1. Rules. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health shall adopt rules requiring the development of protocols regarding the use of latex gloves in the following environments: hospitals, offices of health care providers, health facilities, nursing facilities, home health agencies, commercial and industrial facilities and state agencies. The rules must direct persons responsible for the applicable entities to develop protocols after considering the health and safety of employees and the general public and the particular environment to which the protocols will apply. By January 30, 2004 the Bureau of Health shall report back to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the rules, the development of protocols, the anticipated impact of the protocols and whether legislation is required to further address allergies to latex gloves. Rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the
following appropriations and allocations are made.

4 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

6 **Bureau of Health**

8 Initiative: Appropriates funds for one 1/2-time Public Health
10 Nurse II position and associated administrative costs to develop
and administer rules for the development of protocols for the use
of latex gloves.

12 General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
14 Positions - Legislative Count	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	\$19,718	\$23,661
16 All Other	28,700	14,800
18 General Fund Total	\$48,418	\$38,461'

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SUMMARY

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24 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that directs
the Department of Human Services, Bureau of Health to adopt rules
26 requiring the development of protocols regarding the use of latex
gloves. It directs the Bureau of Health to report back to the
Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding
28 the rules, the development of protocols, the anticipated impact
of the protocols and whether legislation is required to further
30 address allergies to latex gloves by January 30, 2004. It
designates the rules as routine technical rules.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 767

An Act To Reduce the Health Risks Associated with Latex Gloves



LR 0473(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-177

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$48,418	\$38,461	\$39,231	\$40,015
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$48,418	\$38,461	\$39,231	\$40,015

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill as amended includes General Fund appropriations to the Bureau of Health in the Department of Human Services for one half-time Public Health II position and associated administrative costs to develop and administer rules for the development of protocols for the use of latex gloves.