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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. 793, L.D. 1075, "Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Care for Persons with Dementia"

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

'Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Care for Older Persons with Dementia and Certain Other Diseases'

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

'Sec. 1. Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons. Resolved: That the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services shall jointly establish and provide support for the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons, referred to in this resolve as "the advisory committee." The advisory committee shall operate until December 31, 2005. The advisory committee shall study the needs of older persons, including, but not limited to, services or treatment for mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse, dementia and cognitive impairments with behavioral issues associated with those impairments and shall advise the departments on services required to meet those needs. The advisory committee shall monitor the development by the departments of new initiatives to serve older persons with special needs. The advisory committee shall report to the joint

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standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters once during 2003 and twice per year during 2004 and 2005.

During 2003 and 2004, the advisory committee shall convene a subcommittee representing older persons and their families, providers of long-term care and health care services, state and private agencies and advocates for older persons and their families. The subcommittee shall focus on issues concerning the care needs of older persons with cognitive impairments with behavioral issues associated with those impairments and options for developing and improving programs and services for those persons. The subcommittee shall report to the advisory committee periodically.

By December 31, 2003 and December 15, 2004, the advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding services to persons with cognitive impairments with behavioral issues associated with those impairments. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters has authority to report out legislation based on the report to the Legislature.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services to establish and support the Joint Advisory Committee on Select Services for Older Persons, establishes the duties of the committee and sets reporting dates.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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

LD 1075

Resolve, To Ensure Appropriate Care for Persons with Dementia

LR 0886(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs associated with supporting the Joint Advisory Committee can be absorbed by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.