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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 362, L.D. 1090, "Resolve, To Promote Recruitment and Retention of Direct Care Workers in Long-term Care in Maine"

Amend the resolve 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 Department of Human Services, Bureau of Elder and Adult Services work with the Direct-care Worker Coalition that has been meeting to discuss the recruitment and retention of direct-care workers in the field of long-term care. The department shall report back to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters by January 15, 2005. The department shall invite the participation of consumers, representatives of consumers, direct-care workers, representatives of providers of long-term care services and other interested parties. The work of the coalition must include options for achieving parity with other programs providing long-term care services to adults and children with developmental disabilities, a review of data on wages and benefits, an explanation of administrative expenses of agencies providing or coordinating long-term care services, priorities for achieving funding and recommendations for legislation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters may report out legislation to the 122nd Legislature regarding the recruitment and retention of long-term care workers.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires continuing work on the recruitment and retention of direct care workers and provides for a report by January 15, 2005 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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



LD 1090

**Resolve, To Promote Recruitment and Retention of Direct Care Workers
in Long-term Care in Maine**

LR 1109(02)

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

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional cost to the Department of Human Services can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing budgetary resources.