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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 536, L.D. 1576, Bill, "An Act To Provide Group Health Insurance Coverage to Maine Citizens Eligible for Assistance Under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 in the 9th line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "will be" and inserting in its place the following: 'is'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 11 by inserting after the 2nd paragraph the following:

'The eligibility requirements under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002, PL 107-210 apply to persons enrolling in the group health plan provided pursuant to this subsection.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Accident-Sickness-Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Allocates funds for 2 limited-period Employee Benefit Technician positions and associated administrative costs for the Division of Employee Health and Benefits to enroll eligible displaced workers in the trade adjustment assistance health insurance program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 536, L.D. 1576

| | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Federal Expenditures Fund | | |
| 2 Positions - FTE Count | (2.000) | (2.000) |
| Personal Services | \$76,378 | \$76,378 |
| 4 All Other | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| 6 Federal Expenditures Fund Total | \$96,378 | \$96,378' |

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SUMMARY

12 This amendment clarifies that those who enroll in the group
14 health plan authorized in the bill must meet the eligibility
16 criteria set forth in the federal law that provides for tax
credits for enrollment in the plan by certain unemployed
persons. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 1576

An Act To Provide Group Health Insurance Coverage to Maine Citizens Eligible for Assistance Under the Federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform Act of 2002

LR 2075(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-228

Committee: Labor

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | Projections 2005-06 | Projections 2006-07 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| Federal Expenditures Fund | \$96,378 | \$96,378 | \$98,305 | \$100,271 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The fiscal note assumes the costs to the Department of Labor can be absorbed by the Department utilizing existing allocations. The Division of Employee Health and Benefits in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services will require a new Federal Expenditures Fund allocation for two limited period positions and associated administrative costs to enroll dislocated workers in the program.

The Department of Labor has applied for a grant of up to \$15 million that would fund the new program and positions. If the grant application is not approved, the new program and new positions would not be funded. If the grant is approved at an amount less than requested, the timing and scope of the program and the number of positions may need to be modified.