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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 590, L.D. 1634, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Maine Rx Program"

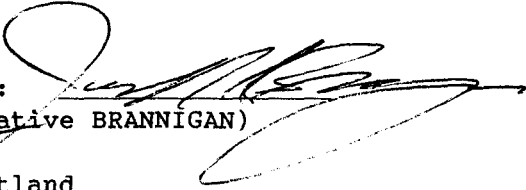
Amend the bill by striking out all of section 12 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 12. Transfer for Maine Rx Plus Program. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$800,000 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2004-05 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Rx, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Human Services. These funds must be used for the implementation and operations of the Maine Rx Plus Program.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the appropriation and allocation section of the bill and instead transfers funds from the General Fund to the existing Maine Rx, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Human Services.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative BRANNIGAN)  
TOWN: Portland



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

**LD 1634**

**An Act to Improve the MaineRx Program**

**LR 2173(03)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by House Amendment " "**

**Sponsor: Rep. Brannigan**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$800,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	(\$800,000)	(\$2,000,000)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$800,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill as amended would transfer funds reserved for this purpose from the federal Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 to the existing Maine Rx Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Human Services. These funds will be used to implement and operate the new Maine Rx Plus program. The existing Maine Rx account has sufficient allocation and Positions - Legislative Count for this purpose but lacks the funding which this transfer will provide. Future year funding should be generated from drug rebates under the program.