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6 **APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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12 **STATE OF MAINE**
14 **SENATE**
16 **122ND LEGISLATURE**
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

18 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 17, L.D. 37, "Resolve, To
20 Establish a Demonstration Project To Create Mental Health and
22 Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for Immigrant and Refugee
Populations"

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

26 **'Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services**
28 **To Seek Federal Funding To Serve Immigrant and Refugee**
30 **Populations in Need of Mental Health and Substance Abuse**
Treatment'

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

36 **'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the**
Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after
38 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

40 **Whereas, immigrants and refugees who have relocated to Maine**
are at considerable risk for mental illness and substance abuse;
42 and

44 **Whereas, Maine's mental health system lacks the cultural**
diversity necessary to adequately respond to the needs of Maine's
46 immigrant and refugee communities; and

48 **'Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts**
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
50 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
52 safety; now, therefore, be it

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal funding to serve immigrant and refugee populations in need of mental health and substance abuse treatment. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall seek funding from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in order to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment programs for immigrant or refugee persons residing in the State. If a federal grant is received for this purpose, the department may use the funding for development and operation of one or more programs on a statewide basis to serve immigrant or refugee persons who are in need of substance abuse or mental health treatment services in accordance with any federal restrictions or conditions placed upon the receipt of the funding; and be it further

Sec. 2. Reporting date established. Resolved: That, by November 15, 2005, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The report is not limited to but must address:

1. The progress the department has made in securing the federal funding identified in section 1 of this resolve;
2. If funds have been received, the progress the department has made in developing the programs authorized in section 1 of this resolve;
3. The staff development and training efforts involved with the programs;
4. The location or locations of the programs; and
5. The number of immigrant or refugee persons served to date.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the title and replaces the bill. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services to seek federal funding to provide substance abuse and mental health treatment programs for immigrant or refugee persons residing in the State and to provide a progress report to certain legislative committees.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



Approved: 04/29/05 *MAC*

122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 37

LR 0179(02)

Resolve, To Establish a Demonstration Project To Create Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs for Immigrant and Refugee Populations

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund
Potential current biennium revenue increase - Federal Expenditures Fund
Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services in implementing this bill can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources. If the department secures additional federal grants for this purpose, the Office of Substance Abuse account is assumed to have sufficient federal allocation to spend such funds and, if necessary, can seek additional federal allocation through the financial order process.