

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 463

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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Reported by: *Majority*

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 150, L.D. 463, "Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Eligibility for the Workers with Disabilities Option"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the 4th line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "January" and inserting in its place the following: 'August'

Further amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "." and inserting in its place the following: '; and be it further'

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

**'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Family Independence - Regional 0453**

Initiative: Funds 2 Family Independence Specialist positions and related costs to administer the change in MaineCare eligibility for workers with disabilities and the reprogramming of the department's Automated Client Eligibility System (ACES).

GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2	Personal Services	\$0	\$49,000
	All Other	\$0	\$26,000
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000
6	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
8	Personal Services	\$0	\$49,000
	All Other	\$0	\$26,000
10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000
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14	<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147</b>		
16	Initiative: Funds expanding the number of workers with disabilities covered under the MaineCare program.		
18	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
	All Other	\$0	\$2,501,642
20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,501,642
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24	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
	All Other	\$0	\$4,292,605
26	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,292,605
28	<b>HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
30	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
32	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$2,576,642
	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$4,367,605
34	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$6,944,247'

38 **SUMMARY**

40 The resolve requires the Department of Health and Human  
 42 Services to amend its eligibility rules to allow employed persons  
 44 with disabilities to purchase MaineCare coverage beginning  
 46 January 1, 2006. This amendment changes that date to August 1,  
 2006 and adds an appropriations and allocations section to the  
 resolve.

48 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
 (See attached)

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# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 463

LR 1415(02)

Resolve, To Amend MaineCare Eligibility for the Workers with Disabilities Option

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,576,642	\$2,996,966	\$3,234,029
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$2,576,642	\$2,996,966	\$3,234,029
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$4,367,605	\$5,121,749	\$5,529,088
<b>Revenue</b>				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$4,367,605	\$5,121,749	\$5,529,088

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Assumes a General Fund appropriation of just over \$2.5 million will be required for FY 2006-07 for the state costs of expanding the number of workers with disabilities covered under the MaineCare program based on the following assumptions: approximately 600 additional working disabled will participate at an average total cost (state and federal) to the MaineCare program of \$1,028 per person per month, and that 16% of these additional participants will contribute \$12 per month toward the costs of their MaineCare benefits. Because the bill does not include an emergency preamble, the fiscal note assumes this expansion of eligibility will begin August 1, 2006.

Also assumes a General Fund appropriation of \$75,000 will be required for fiscal year 2006-07 for the state costs to be incurred by the Bureau of Family Independence in the Department of Health and Human Services to administer this change in MaineCare eligibility, including the establishment of 2 positions and the reprogramming costs for the Department's automated client eligibility system (ACES).