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In Senate, February 1, 2005

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

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MAYO of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative LERMAN of Augusta, Representative PINGREE of North Haven and

Senator: BRENNAN of Cumberland, Representatives: BURNS of Berwick, GROSE of Woolwich, LEWIN of Eliot, WALCOTT of Lewiston, WEBSTER of Freeport.

Sec. 1. MaineCare buy-in for workers with disabilities. Resolved:

2 That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the
3 eligibility rules to allow employed persons with disabilities to
4 purchase coverage under the MaineCare program beginning January
5 1, 2006. The amended rules must maintain the income eligibility
6 limit of 250% of the federal nonfarm income official poverty
7 level for earned and unearned income combined and must remove any
8 separate limitation on unearned income. Rules adopted pursuant
9 to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title
10 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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SUMMARY

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16 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human
17 Services to amend the rules to allow workers with disabilities to
18 purchase coverage in the MaineCare program beginning January 1,
19 2006. The rules must maintain the current income eligibility
20 limits while removing separate limits on earned and unearned
income. This resolve designates the rules as routine technical
rules.