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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 239, L.D. 741, Bill, "An Act To Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Official State Agency Responsible for Programs for Persons Affected by Brain Injury"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§3089." in the first paragraph by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd sentences (page 1, lines 8 to 15 in L.D.)

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

'Sec. 2. Permanent and coordinated advisory capacity on matters pertaining to acquired brain injury. No later than January 16, 2006, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on any changes necessary to ensure that a permanent, effective and coordinated advisory capacity exists within the Department of Health and Human Services to advise the commissioner and the department on all matters pertaining to the administration and provision of programs and services for persons with acquired brain injury and their families. In making these recommendations, the commissioner shall ensure that the advisory process is broadly inclusive and representative of persons with acquired brain injury and their families and providers of services to persons with acquired brain injury.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment replaces the requirement that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services appoint a permanent brain injury advisory council with a requirement that the commissioner provide recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 16, 2006 on the most appropriate method for creating a permanent, effective and coordinated system within the Department of Health and Human Services for advising the commissioner and the department on all matters pertaining to the administration and provision of services and programs for persons with acquired brain injury and their families.

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



Approved: 04/22/05 *MAC*

# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 741

LR 1711(02)

**An Act To Designate the Department of Health and Human Services as the Official State Agency  
Responsible for Programs for Persons Affected by Brain Injury**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

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.