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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 923, L.D. 1324, Bill, "An Act To Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §2031, sub-§§1 and 4**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. PP, §1, are amended to read:

**1. Council established.** The Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council, referred to in this chapter as "the council," is established and consists of ~~no more than~~ 15 voting members appointed by the Governor as follows:

- A. The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or the commissioner's designee;
- B. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
- C. The Executive Director of the Workers' Compensation Board or the executive director's designee;
- D. One representative of private payors who join the council;

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**ADD**

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2 E. ~~One or more members~~ member from each of the following  
publicly funded groups:

- 4 (1) The Maine state employees health insurance  
6 program, one member representing labor and one member  
8 representing management;
- 10 (2) The University of Maine System; and
- 12 (3) The Maine Community College System;

14 F. The director of the Governor's Office of Health Policy  
and Finance or the director's designee or the director of a  
16 successor agency;

18 G. ~~Other~~ Two public purchasers not listed above.  
~~Representatives of municipal or county governments, the  
20 Maine Education Association's benefits trust, the Maine  
School Management Association's benefits trust and private  
22 purchasers may be allowed to join the council to participate  
in savings opportunities;~~

24 H. A health care provider; and

26 I. A clinical pharmacist; and

28 J. Three consumers of health care services, one of whom  
30 represents a statewide organization that advocates for  
enrollees in a publicly funded health program that includes  
32 comprehensive prescription drug benefits.

34 Public Representatives of municipal or county governments, the  
Maine Education Association's benefits trust, the Maine School  
36 Management Association's benefits trust and other public  
purchasers not otherwise listed in this subsection and private  
38 purchasers may be allowed to join the council as nonvoting  
members and to participate in savings opportunities.

40 **4. Duties of council.** The council shall make  
42 recommendations to public purchasers regarding the joint  
44 purchasing of pharmaceuticals with the State in order to reduce  
costs for all participating parties and maximize savings by  
46 pooling purchasing power, but not to fundamentally alter the  
independent nature of any of the health plans involved in the  
48 council. The council shall coordinate and exchange information  
among state agencies, stakeholder groups, advisory committees,  
50 organizations and task forces looking into options for reducing  
the cost of prescription drug benefits. Any joint purchasing  
effort must ensure that:

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2 Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council to add 3 consumer members,  
changes the parameters of the council to duties and adds to those  
4 duties coordinating and exchanging information and examining cost  
containment tools and reporting to the joint standing committee  
6 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human  
services matters by February 1, 2006.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 1608(02)

**An Act To Improve Access to Affordable Prescription Drugs**

**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 can be absorbed by the department utilizing existing resources.