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HOUSE AMENDMENT "I" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 736, L.D. 1935, Bill, "An Act To Protect Health Insurance Consumers"

Amend the amendment in Part A by striking out all of section 4 (page 3, lines 1 to 34 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. A-4. Fixed savings offset payment for plan years beginning January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 6913, subsections 1 to 3, the savings offset payment for plan years beginning January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 must equal a total of \$23,000,000 for all health insurance carriers, 3rd-party administrators and employee benefit excess insurance carriers. For plan years beginning January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 the Board of Directors of Dirigo Health shall disregard the savings offset amount calculation set forth in Title 24-A, section 6913, subsection 2. The savings offset payment established pursuant to this section must be paid in accordance with the schedule established in Title 24-A, section 6913, subsection 3, paragraph F. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this Act, all health insurance carriers shall file amended rate filings with the Superintendent of Insurance demonstrating the effect of the reduced savings offset payment pursuant to this section on premium rates and attesting that the carrier has used its best efforts to ensure that rates reflect the reduced savings offset payment. The savings offset payment set forth in this section applies retroactively to any savings offset payment that has been assessed and paid pursuant to Title 24-A, section 6913 for plan years beginning January 1, 2006. No later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act, Dirigo Health shall issue refunds of, or credits for, any amounts collected in excess of the limitations established in this section. This section applies

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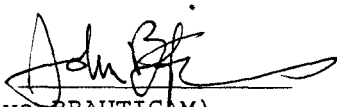
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only to the savings offset payment for plan years beginning January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. This section may not be construed as repealing, amending or modifying in any way the provisions of Title 24-A, section 6913 for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.'

Further amend the amendment in Part B in section 11 in the first line (page 6, line 36 in amendment) by striking out the following: "November 1," and inserting in its place the following: 'November 15,'

### SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the provisions of Committee Amendment "A" to L.D. 1935 that govern the savings offset payment for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 and replaces them with a provision that states that the savings offset payment for plan years beginning January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 must equal a total of \$23,000,000 for all health insurance carriers, 3rd-party administrators and employee benefit excess insurance carriers. It changes the deadline for the Blue Ribbon Commission on the Long-term Funding of the Dirigo Health Program to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs from November 1, 2006 to November 15, 2006.

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