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Health and Human Services

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

122ND LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 769, L.D. 1991, "Resolve, To Ensure the Availability of Consumer-directed Personal Assistance Services"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the next to the last line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$7.71" and inserting in its place the following: '\$9.00'

Further amend the resolve in section 2 in the next to the last line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$7.71" and inserting in its place the following: '\$9.00'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. Salary and benefits survey and report. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Labor shall perform a survey of wages and benefits to determine the wages paid to personal care assistants across the State. The survey must include all programs for which funds are provided by the State. By January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Health and Human Services and the Commissioner of Labor shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with the results of the survey and include any recommendations for legislative action or rulemaking by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve in section 6 in the last line (page 1, line 42 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2-A." and inserting in its place the following: '2-A; and be it further'

Further amend the resolve by inserting after section 6 the following:

'Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Medical Care - Payment to Providers 0147

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 769, L.D. 1991

1 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rate for personal
2 care attendants serving persons in the MaineCare physical disabilities waiver and the
3 consumer-directed personal assistance services programs from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.00
4 per hour beginning October 1, 2006.

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6	GENERAL FUND	2005-06	2006-07
7	All Other	\$0	\$1,112,287
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9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
10		\$0	\$1,112,287
11	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2005-06	2006-07
12	All Other	\$0	\$754,145
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14	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$754,145

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16 Further amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part
17 letter or section number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment adds to the work of the Commissioner of Health and Human
20 Services and the Commissioner of Labor a survey of wages and benefits of personal care
21 assistants, including those in programs for which funds are provided by the State, and a
22 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health
23 and human services matters by January 1, 2007. The amendment changes the resolve to
24 provide wage increases from \$9 to \$10 per hour in order to reflect the increase from
25 \$7.71 to \$9.00 per hour provided in Public Law 2005, chapter 519, Part VVV. The
26 amendment provides an appropriation for the Department of Health and Human Services
27 programs. The amendment makes money available for the wage increase October 1,
28 2006.

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



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LD 1991

LR 2791(02)

Resolve, To Ensure the Availability of Consumer-directed Personal Assistance Services

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
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,112,287	\$1,201,270	\$1,297,371
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,112,287	\$1,201,270	\$1,297,371
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$754,145	\$814,476	\$879,634
Revenue				
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$754,145	\$814,476	\$879,634

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Includes a fiscal year 2006-07 General Fund appropriation of \$1,112,287 to increase the MaineCare reimbursement rate for personal care attendants serving persons in the adults with disabilities waiver and the consumer-directed personal assistance services programs from \$9.00 per hour to \$10.00 per hour beginning July, 1, 2006. While the bill indicates the increase is from \$7.71 per hour to \$10.00 per hour, PL 2005, c. 519, Part VVV already appropriated funds for an increase to \$9.00 per hour and only the incremental amount of funding is reflected here.

PL 2005, c. 519, part VVV, also provided for an increase in the reimbursement rate for providers of consumer-directed personal care assistance services funded by the Department of Labor from \$7.71 per hour to \$9.00 per hour. Because the number of authorized hours per consumer has decreased, the Department has assumed the Rehabilitation Services - Home Based Care program will be able to absorb the cost of the rate increase up to \$10.00 per hour within existing General Fund appropriations. Additional costs to the Department of Labor associated with conducting the required survey can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. However, there may be increased costs to the program associated with implementing the recommendations of the working group. The amount can not be determined at this time.