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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 823, L.D. 1130, "Resolve, To Increase Fairness in Medical Payments"

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Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 1. Reimbursements based on DRG method. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall, with the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service, proceed with its review of the possibility of basing hospital reimbursement under the MaineCare program on a methodology derived from the diagnosis-related group, or DRG, method that is used in the federal Medicare program. By January 15, 2008, the department shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with the results of the review and any recommendations for legislation. The committee is authorized to submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature regarding MaineCare reimbursement to hospitals.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the resolve. It directs the Department of Health and Human Services, with the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service, to proceed with its review of the possibility of basing hospital reimbursement under MaineCare on a methodology derived from the federal diagnosis-related group method. The amendment requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services and authorizes the committee to submit legislation.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1130

LR 2000(02)

Resolve, To Increase Fairness in Medical Payments

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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 budget resources.