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**INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
123RD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 544, L.D. 1521, Bill, "An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease'**

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

**'Sec. 1. Public education; Lyme disease. Resolved:** That within existing resources, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall develop a public education program related to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. At a minimum, the public education program developed by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention must include the distribution of written materials to elementary and secondary schools and health care providers throughout the State. The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention shall also expand and update the information and resources made available on its publicly accessible website regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Committee review; authorization to submit legislation. Resolved:** That upon the approval of the Legislative Council, the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services shall review issues regarding Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses, including, but not limited to, the difficulties associated with diagnosis, the differences between treatment protocols recommended for treatment and the manner in which insurance coverage is provided. In conducting its review, the committee shall invite the participation of interested parties and gather public input as necessary. The committee may submit legislation related to its review to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

2       This amendment replaces the bill, and changes it to a resolve. The amendment  
3       directs the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention to undertake public  
4       education efforts relating to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and  
5       other tick-borne illnesses. The amendment also requires the Joint Standing Committee on  
6       Insurance and Financial Services to review issues related to Lyme disease and other tick-  
7       borne illnesses and authorizes the committee to submit legislation to the Second Regular  
8       Session of the 123rd Legislature.

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



Approved: 04/27/07 *MAC*

# 123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1521

LR 1490(02)

**An Act To Provide Education Concerning and Insurance Coverage for Lyme Disease**

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

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**Committee: Insurance and Financial 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 budget resources.