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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

123RD LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 606, L.D. 1699, "Resolve, To Improve
Maine's Homemaker Services Program"

Amend the resolve in section 1 in the last line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out
the following: "hour." and inserting the following: 'hour; and be it further'

Amend the resolve by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Review and report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and
Human Services, Office of Elder Services shall review the services provided in long-term
care programs, reimbursement in long-term care programs and training, skills, pay and
benefits for persons working in long-term care. All aspects of long-term care must be
reviewed, from nursing facility through home-based care and from skilled nursing to
homemaker and personal assistant services. By January 15, 2008 the department shall
report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services the results of the
review. The department shall include suggested legislation, rule changes and funding for
any improvements to the current system that it recommends and shall price each initiative
separately. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized
to submit legislation regarding long-term care services to the Second Regular Session of
the 123rd Legislature; and be it further

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following
appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)

Elder and Adult Services - Bureau of 0140

Initiative: Appropriates funds in fiscal year 2007-08 to increase the pay rate from \$17 to
\$18.75 per hour for homemaker services providers who assist lower-income senior
citizens. Funding for fiscal year 2008-09 is provided in Part A of Public Law 2007,
chapter 240.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

11-01-08

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 606, L.D. 1699

1	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
2	All Other	\$279,000	\$0
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$279,000	\$0
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 The amendment directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of
8 Elder Services to review the services provided in long-term care programs,
9 reimbursement in long-term care programs and training, skills, pay and benefits for
10 persons working in long-term care and to report by January 15, 2008 to the Joint Standing
11 Committee on Health and Human Services. The amendment also adds an appropriations
12 and allocations section.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1699

LR 1524(02)

Resolve, To Improve Maine's Homemaker Services Program

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

Committee: Health and Human Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$279,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$279,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Appropriates funds in fiscal year 2007-08 to increase the pay rate from \$17.00 to \$18.75 per hour for homemaker services providers who assist lower-income senior citizens . Funding for fiscal year 2008-09 is provided in Part A of PL 2007, c. 240.