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STATE OF MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

124TH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 953, L.D. 1363, Bill, "An Act To Establish and Promote Statewide Collaboration and Coordination in Public Health Activities and To Enact a Universal Wellness Initiative"

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §411 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "system" the following: 'or a municipal health department'

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §411 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "system" the following: 'or a municipal health department'

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §411 in subsection 6 in the last line (page 2, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "systems" the following: 'or municipal health departments'

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §411 by inserting after subsection 9 the following:

'10. Municipal health department. "Municipal health department" means a health department or division that is established pursuant to municipal charter or ordinance in accordance with Title 30-A, chapter 141 and accredited by a national federally recognized credentialing process.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §411 by renumbering the subsections to read consecutively.

Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §412 by inserting after subsection 4 the following:

'5. Municipal health departments. Municipal health departments may enter into data-sharing agreements with the department for the exchange of public health data determined by the department to be necessary for protection of the public health. A data-sharing agreement under this subsection must protect the confidentiality and security of individually identifiable health information as required by state and federal law.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 953, L.D. 1363

1 Amend the bill in section 5 in chapter 152 in §412 by renumbering the subsections to  
2 read consecutively.

3 Amend the bill in section 6 in the 2nd line (page 7, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the  
4 following: "5" and inserting the following: '6'

5 **SUMMARY**

6 This amendment provides a definition for "municipal health department" and  
7 provides for accreditation of municipal health departments. It adds a provision that  
8 allows municipal health departments to enter into data-sharing agreements with the  
9 Department of Health and Human Services if the agreement protects the confidentiality  
10 and security of individually identifiable health information.

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



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1363

LR 1846(02)

**An Act To Establish and Promote Statewide Collaboration and Coordination in Public Health Activities and To Enact a Universal Wellness Initiative**

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

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study  
Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,680 annually beginning in fiscal year 2009-10. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 annually in fiscal year 2009-10 and fiscal year 2010-11 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed by the center utilizing existing budgeted resources. Additional costs to the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Education associated with serving on the council can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.