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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1102, L.D. 1501, Bill, "An Act To Reduce Opioid Overprescription, Overuse and Abuse"

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

'Resolve, To Reduce Opioid Overprescription, Overuse and Abuse'

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

'Sec. 1. Work group on prescribing opioid drugs for chronic, noncancer-related pain. Resolved: That the Substance Abuse Services Commission, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 13-C and referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall convene a work group of commission members and public and private stakeholders, referred to in this resolve as "the work group," to review and make recommendations for improvements in how physicians and other prescribers treat patients in chronic, noncancer-related pain without causing addiction or diversion.

1. Tasks. The work group's tasks include, but are not limited to:

- A. Review of current efforts in the State aimed at preventing addiction and diversion;
- B. Examination of similar efforts in other states, including Washington State, which in 2010 enacted comprehensive legislation on this subject;
- C. Consideration of additional tools that could lead to decreased abuse while not unduly restricting access to adequate pain control; and
- D. Consideration of enhancements to the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7248.

2. Chair; membership. The commission shall appoint a chair of the work group from among the work group members. The membership of the work group must include representatives appointed or invited to participate by the commission from all of the following state agencies, advocacy organizations and the public:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/31/11 *mac*

125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Reduce Opioid Overprescription, Overuse and Abuse

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

The additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.