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L.D. 1719

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(Filing No. S-430)

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3 **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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5 **STATE OF MAINE**

6 **SENATE**

7 **125TH LEGISLATURE**

8 **SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 584, L.D. 1719, Bill, "An Act To  
10 Update the Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services"

11 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 10 in L.D.)

12 Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

13 **'Sec. 3. Report on coordination of efforts to identify veterans who may be**  
14 **entitled to additional benefits.** No later than February 15, 2013, the office for family  
15 independence within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department  
16 of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services  
17 shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
18 veterans matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction  
19 over health and human services matters regarding the coordination of their efforts to  
20 identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits and may be  
21 entitled to, but are not receiving, federally funded benefits from the United States  
22 Department of Veterans Affairs. The report may include recommendations for legislation  
23 to assist in this veteran identification effort. The joint standing committee of the  
24 Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters is authorized to report out a bill to  
25 the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

26 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
27 section number to read consecutively.

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This amendment strikes a provision in the bill that authorizes the Director of the  
30 Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and  
31 Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with a health care provider to assist  
32 the director in obtaining benefits for veterans. The amendment directs the Bureau of  
33 Maine Veterans' Services and the office for family independence within the Department  
34 of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the  
35 Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the joint standing committee of

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1 the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their  
2 ongoing efforts to identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits  
3 in order to determine if a veteran is eligible for federally funded benefits from the United  
4 States Department of Veterans Affairs. The joint standing committee of the Legislature  
5 having jurisdiction over veterans matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session  
6 of the 126th Legislature.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1719

LR 2462(02)

**An Act To Update the Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-430**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and to the Department of Health and Human Services associated with reporting on efforts to coordinate identification of veterans who have or are receiving Medicaid benefits and who are entitled to, but are not receiving, federally funded veterans benefits can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.