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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 416,
L.D. 597, Bill, "An Act To Inform Persons of the Options for the Treatment of Lyme
Disease"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the amendment in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 4 (page 2, lines 1
to 3 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'4. Information on treatment alternatives for treating Lyme disease is available
through Internet websites of organizations, including, but not limited to, the Mayo Clinic,
Johns Hopkins Medicine, the Infectious Disease Society of America, the National
Institutes of Health, WebMD, MaineLyme and Lyme Disease Association, Inc.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the provision that requires any health care provider that
orders a laboratory test for the presence of Lyme disease to inform the patient that a
negative test for Lyme disease does not necessarily mean that Lyme disease is not present
and that if symptoms continue, the patient should contact a health care provider and
inquire about the appropriateness of retesting or additional treatment.

Committee Amendment "A" directs the Department of Health and Human Services to
include on its publicly accessible website information on treatment alternatives for Lyme
disease that may be found on the Internet websites of listed organizations. This
amendment expands the list of those organizations and removes specific website
addresses.

SPONSORED BY: Mark E. Carey
(Representative CAREY)

TOWN: Lewiston

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



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LD 597

LR 1506(07)

An Act To Inform Persons of the Options for the Treatment of Lyme Disease

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Carey of Lewiston

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Health and Human Services are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.