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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT 'B' to S.P. 589, L.D. 1546, Bill, "An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals, Increase Access to Health Care and Provide for a New Spirits Contract"

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

'An Act To Enhance Revenues to the State from the Sale of Spirits, To Provide a Source of Payment for Maine's Hospitals and To Study the Issue of Medicaid Expansion'

Amend the bill by striking out all of Parts C, D, E and F.

Amend the bill by inserting after Part G the following:

'PART H

Sec. H-1. Study group established. The Study Group To Examine the Issue of Medicaid Expansion, referred to in this Part as "the study group," is established.

1. Membership. The study group consists of 13 members appointed as follows:

A. Five members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including at least 2 members from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

B. Five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including at least 2 members from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;

C. One member representing the health care industry, appointed by the President of the Senate;

D. One member appointed by the Governor; and

E. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee.

2. Chairs. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the study group.

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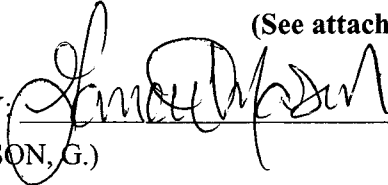
SENATE AMENDMENT "**B**" to S.P. 589, L.D. 1546

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: _____



(Senator MASON, G.)

COUNTY: Androscoggin

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1546****LR 2143(09)****An Act To Strengthen Maine's Hospitals, Increase Access to Health Care and Provide for a New Spirits Contract****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "B" to Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Mason of Androscoggin****Fiscal Note Required: Yes****Fiscal Note**

Legislative Cost/Study

			Projections FY Projections FY	
	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$689,851	\$3,835,565	\$3,778,658	(\$5,226,166)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$689,851	\$3,835,565	\$3,778,658	(\$5,226,166)
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$92,152,589)	(\$325,198,201)	(\$341,132,913)	(\$348,902,215)
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,507,607)	(\$4,635,029)	(\$4,764,278)	(\$4,897,404)
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	(\$4,507,607)	(\$4,635,029)	(\$4,764,278)	(\$4,897,404)

Legislative Cost/Study

This amendment adds a study group to examine the issue of Medicaid expansion. The general operating expenses of this study group are projected to be \$8,000 in fiscal year 2013-14. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 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. The Legislature can absorb the additional costs of providing staff services to the study group within existing budgeted resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates Parts C, D, E and F from the bill that were related to the MaineCare expansion, which eliminates the net General Fund deappropriations in those Parts of \$689,851 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$3,835,565 in fiscal year 2014-15. The elimination of those parts would also reduce allocations for both the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds by eliminating those allocations from the bill. The reduction of Federal Expenditures Fund allocations total \$92,152,589 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$325,198,201 in fiscal year 2014-15. The reduction of Other Special Revenue Funds allocations total \$4,507,607 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$4,635,029 in fiscal year 2014-15.

The Department of Health and Human Services can absorb the additional costs of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services' involvement as a member of the study group.