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L.D. 422

Date: 5/27/15

(Filing No. H-217)

Minority

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 289, L.D. 422, Bill, "An Act To Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Disease"

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

'Resolve, Directing Certain Health Care Practitioner Licensing Boards To Notify Licensees of Consequences of Using Nontraditional Treatment Methods'

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

'Sec. 1. Lyme disease; notification to licensees. Resolved: That, by December 31, 2015, the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the State Board of Nursing shall notify their respective licensees that using nontraditional treatments for diseases, including Lyme disease, will not result in disciplinary action based solely upon the use of nontraditional treatment as long as the medical decision-making, the monitoring of the patient's reaction to the specific treatment and the patient's informed consent to the specific treatment are documented in the patient's medical record.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. It replaces the bill with a resolve that directs the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the State Board of Nursing to notify their respective licensees that using nontraditional treatments for diseases, including Lyme disease, will not result in disciplinary action based solely upon the use of nontraditional treatment as long as the medical decision-making, the monitoring of the patient's reaction to the specific treatment and the patient's informed consent to the specific treatment are documented in the patient's medical record.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



Approved: 05/18/15 *MJC*

127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 422

LR 906(03)

An Act To Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Disease

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment **B (H-217)**
Committee: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Board of Licensure in Medicine, Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Nursing, each affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to make the required notification to their respective licensees can be absorbed within each board's existing budgeted resources.