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L.D. 192
(Filing No. H-177)

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 148, L.D. 192, Bill, "An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids"

Amend the bill by adding after section 6 the following:

Sec. 7. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2019. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 8. Exemption from review. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752, this Act is enacted without review and evaluation by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance.'

SUMMARY

This amendment makes the bill's requirements for coverage of hearing aids apply to insurance plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2019. The amendment also adds language exempting the bill from the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 2752.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 359(02)

An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(CH-177)*

Committee: Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$53,991	\$53,991
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,629	\$1,629
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$53,991	\$53,991
Highway Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,629	\$1,629

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill has an effective date of January 1, 2019, so only contracts executed after January 1, 2019 will be required to meet the coverage in this bill. Thus, the State Employee Health Plan will require no General Fund appropriations or Highway Fund allocations in the current biennium. It is estimated that this bill will have an annual impact of \$53,991 to the General Fund and \$1,629 to the Highway Fund for the increased costs for coverage of hearing aids beginning on July 1, 2019.