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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
128TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 586, L.D. 837, Bill, "An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first paragraph and before section 1 the following:

**Sec. 1. MaineCare Expansion Fund established.** The MaineCare Expansion Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as an Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Health and Human Services that, in combining funds transferred pursuant to section 2 with all funds appropriated and available in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program in the General Fund, provides the funds estimated to be necessary for expanded coverage under the MaineCare program required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1, "An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care."

**1. Exclusive use.** Funds in the fund may be used only for the implementation and continuation of expanded access to health care as required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1.

**2. Lapse.** Funds transferred from the General Fund pursuant to section 2 in excess of funds needed to carry out the purpose of the fund stated in subsection 1 lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund if not expended by June 30, 2019.

**3. Transfer from fund to Medical Care - Payments to Providers program authorized.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer funds from the fund to the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program if such a transfer is necessary to allocate federal funds.

**Sec. 2. Transfer of funds.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$31,159,210 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Expansion Fund established in section 1 no later than 10 days following the effective date of this Act.

**Sec. 3. Transfer from Fund for a Healthy Maine for MaineCare expansion costs authorized.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Governor, on or before June 30, 2019 and upon the written request of the

1 Commissioner of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Budget  
2 Officer, may transfer up to \$23,540,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the  
3 MaineCare Expansion Fund established in section 1 for the amount of medical costs of  
4 the MaineCare program that, as a result of expansion of the MaineCare program pursuant  
5 to Title 22, section 3174-G, subsection 1, paragraph H, will within the 15 days following  
6 the request exceed the sum of the total amount available in the Department of Health and  
7 Human Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program plus the total amount  
8 transferred pursuant to section 2. The commissioner shall submit copies of the written  
9 request submitted to the Governor to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
10 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing  
11 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs.  
12 The State Controller shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
13 jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs any transfers made pursuant to this  
14 section.'

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

## 17 SUMMARY

18 This amendment:

19 1. Establishes the MaineCare Expansion Fund within the Department of Health and  
20 Human Services to provide the funds estimated to be necessary for expanded coverage  
21 under the MaineCare program required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter 1, "An Act To  
22 Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care";

23 2. Limits the use of the fund to funding needed for the implementation and  
24 continuation of expanded access to health care as required by Initiated Bill 2017, chapter  
25 1;

26 3. Requires that funds in the fund lapse to the unappropriated surplus of the General  
27 Fund if not expended by June 30, 2019;

28 4. Directs the State Controller to transfer \$31,159,210 from the unappropriated  
29 surplus of the General Fund to the fund no later than 10 days following the effective date  
30 of this legislation; and

31 5. Provides that the Governor, on or before June 30, 2019 and upon the written  
32 request of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State  
33 Budget Officer, may transfer up to \$23,540,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine to the  
34 fund for the amount of medical costs of the MaineCare program that, as a result of  
35 expansion of the MaineCare program, will within the 15 days following the request

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1 exceed the sum of the total amount available in the Department of Health and Human  
2 Services, Medical Care - Payments to Providers program plus the total amount transferred  
3 from the General Fund.

4 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

5 (See attached)

6 SPONSORED BY: 

7 (Senator BREEN)

8 COUNTY: Cumberland



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 837

LR 1499(11)

## An Act To Provide Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Operations of State Government

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

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$31,159,210	\$0	\$0
<b>Transfers</b>				
General Fund	\$0	(\$31,159,210)	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$31,159,210	\$0	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment transfers \$31,159,210 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the newly established MaineCare Expansion Fund for MaineCare services and payments to providers. Any unused balance in the fund as of June 30, 2019 will lapse back to the General Fund. This amendment also authorizes transfers from the Fund for a Healthy Maine up to \$23,540,000 for the same purposes in the event of a shortfall due to the expansion of eligibility for MaineCare.