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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 570, L.D. 765, "Resolve, To Revise Asset Limits for Social Service Programs"

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

'Resolve, To Review Asset Limits for Social Service Programs'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to examine asset limits. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the asset limits for eligibility that are applied to the elderly low-cost drug program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 254-D, the Medicare savings program established in department Rule Chapter 332, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program under Title 22, chapter 1053-B and the statewide food supplement program established in Title 22, section 3104 and under department Rule Chapter 301. The department and stakeholder group shall examine asset limits to determine if they meet the appropriate missions of the programs or present barriers and shall determine compliance with federal laws and guidelines. The department shall submit a report, no later than December 1, 2019, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with its findings, legislative recommendations and any rulemaking activities related to asset limits. The committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the report in the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

The amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a stakeholder group to examine the asset limits for eligibility applied to the elderly low-cost drug program, the Medicare savings program, the

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1 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the statewide food supplement
2 program, otherwise known as SNAP. The department and stakeholder group are required
3 to examine the asset limits to determine if they meet the missions of the programs or
4 present barriers and to determine compliance with federal laws and guidelines. The
5 department is required to submit a report, together with its findings, legislative
6 recommendations and any rulemaking activities to the Joint Standing Committee on
7 Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2019.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 765

LR 943(02)

Resolve, To Revise Asset Limits for Social Service Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A (H-247)*

Committee: Health and Human Services

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 to convene a stakeholder group to examine asset limits for eligibility and report back to the legislature are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.