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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 394, L.D. 1274, Bill, "An Act To Enact the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4326 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 6 to 12 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Establishment. The Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, referred to in this section as "the consumer assistance program," is established to provide support for consumers, including prospective consumers, of health insurance, referred to in this section as "consumers," and to customer assistance programs and public and private health insurance assistance programs. The Attorney General shall contract with a nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity, which may not be an insurer, to operate the consumer assistance program.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4326 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "superintendent" and inserting the following: 'Attorney General'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §4326 in subsection 3 in the 4th line (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "superintendent" and inserting the following: 'Attorney General'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE
Administration - Attorney General 0310**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to the Attorney General to contract with a designated, nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
2	All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>
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6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
7 section number to read consecutively.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment transfers the responsibility for contracting for the Health Insurance
10 Consumer Assistance Program from the Bureau of Insurance to the Attorney General.
11 The amendment also makes other clarifying changes to the bill.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

13 **(See attached)**



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LD 1274

LR 1516(02)

An Act To Enact the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-110)

Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$200,000 beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Office of the Attorney General to contract for a Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.