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MAJORITY

3 HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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5 STATE OF MAINE
6 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 130TH LEGISLATURE
8 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1329, L.D. 1778, "An Act To Improve
10 Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for
11 Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine"

12 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

13 'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §3124, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 459, §3, is amended to read:

14 §3124. Annual public hearing

15 ~~Beginning in In 2022, the office shall convene an annual a public hearing on cost trends~~
16 ~~no later than October 1st. Beginning in 2023, the office shall convene an annual public~~
17 ~~hearing no later than October 1st on cost trends and barriers to health care affordability.~~
18 The hearing must provide an opportunity for public comment on health care cost trends
19 and, beginning in 2023, on barriers to health care affordability. The executive director shall
20 preside over the hearing.'

21 Amend the bill in section 2 in the last paragraph in the last line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.)
22 by striking out the following: "January 1, 2023" and inserting the following: 'January 1,
23 2024'

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

26 SUMMARY

27 This amendment requires that the Office of Affordable Health Care, beginning in 2023,
28 expand the scope of its annual public hearing on cost trends to include barriers to health
29 care affordability. The amendment specifies that the hearing must include an opportunity
30 for public comment on these barriers. The amendment also extends the date for the office
31 to report to the Legislature on its study of the effects of policies aimed at improving health
32 care affordability and coverage from January 1, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

33 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

34 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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Approved: 02/03/22 *MAC*



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1778

LR 2451(02)

An Act To Improve Health Care Affordability and Increase Options for Comprehensive Coverage for
Individuals and Small Businesses in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(AH-773)*
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Office of Affordable Health Care to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.