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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 SENATE
6 131ST LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

8 SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1418, L.D. 2211, "An Act Regarding Quality
9 of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes"

10 Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

11 'An Act Regarding Quality of Care, Funding and the Board of Trustees at the Maine
12 Veterans' Homes'

13 Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

14 'Sec. 5. Transfers between Department of Health and Human Services
15 MaineCare accounts to support Maine Veterans' Homes in providing
16 residential care facility services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
17 contrary, for fiscal year 2024-25 only, available balances of appropriations may be
18 transferred between Department of Health and Human Services MaineCare accounts to
19 support the operations of the Maine Veterans' Homes in providing care to MaineCare-
20 covered residents who have received or are receiving residential care facility services.
21 These transfers are not considered adjustments to appropriations.

22 'Sec. 6. Support for residential care services. The Department of Health and
23 Human Services shall:

24 1. Seek any necessary approval from the United States Department of Health and
25 Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that may be necessary to
26 ensure that the unexpended portion of the amount appropriated in Resolve 2023, chapter
27 117 is used in conjunction with federal matching funds or for state-only room and board
28 costs to support Maine Veterans' Homes operations during fiscal year 2023-24; and

29 2. No later than November 1, 2024, make supplemental payments to Maine Veterans'
30 Homes equal to the total amount of funding available as a result of the transfer authorized
31 in Resolve 2023, chapter 117, including all available federal matching funds.'

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

34 SUMMARY

35 The amendment clarifies that for fiscal year 2024-25 the department may transfer
36 available balances as necessary between Department of Health and Human Services

SENATE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2211

LR 2944(05)

An Act Regarding Quality of Care and the Board of Trustees at the Maine Veterans' Homes

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Original Bill (S-703)

Sponsor: Sen. Hickman of Kennebec

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to expend any portion of the amounts appropriated pursuant to Resolves 2023, c. 117 that the DHHS has not expended and determines it could expend to support the operations of Maine Veterans' Homes in providing care to MaineCare covered residents who have received or are receiving residential care facility services during fiscal year 2023-2024. It also requires the DHHS to seek any approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, that may be necessary to ensure that the unexpended portion of the amount appropriated in Resolves 2023, ch. 117 is used in conjunction with federal matching funds or for state-only room and board costs to support Maine Veterans' Homes operations during fiscal year 2023-24. As this requires the expenditure of funds that had been previously appropriated, there is no net fiscal impact to this amendment.