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**HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 818, L.D. 2129, "An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt"

Amend the bill in section 5 in paragraph F in the first line (page 1, line 22 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A" and inserting the following: Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B, a'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 14 MRSA §4655 is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding this section and any other provision of law to the contrary, interest may not be collected upon execution of a judgment related to any disposition of property subject to any lien or attachment of a judgment debtor's principal place of residence based on medical debt as defined in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 7-A for the amount of interest that has accumulated on the medical debt subject to that lien on or after the date on which section 4422, subsection 1, paragraph F takes effect.'

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

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes a technical change to the bill. The amendment also requires a court, in any action to execute a judgment involving the attachment of a consumer's principal place of residence based on medical debt, to exclude any interest on medical debt that has accumulated on or after the effective date of this legislation.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2129

LR 2603(02)

**An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt**

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(S-551)*  
Committee: Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services  
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost decrease - General Fund  
Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

This bill may decrease the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The Judicial Branch may realize some minor reduction of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed. Collection of filing fees will decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.