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#### STATE OF MAINE

## ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BILL SUMMARY



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physical limitations impede their ability to live independently or who may be or already are placed in an institutional setting inappropriately.

This law clarifies the language between the personal care assistance work program and the personal care assistance program under the Home Base Care Act by using identical language whenever possible to establish consistent implementation of the fee schedule in both laws. In addition, it provides that the PCA work program not be limited to daylight hours.

The Committee amendment (S-7) clarified the language of the original bill and described some of the attributes of the sliding scale by adding language to:

- (1) Establish that the sliding scale for financial participation be based on net income;
- (2) Factor in the expenses associated with the disability in the determination of ability to participate financially; and
- (3) Allow for the income determination to be based on a declaration of income determination by the client, subject to bureau acceptance of that declaration.

LD:

48 AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STATUTE CONCERNING PREMARITAL MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

CARROLL BUSTIN PINES KIMBALL PUBLIC CH # 8

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HOUSE Enacted SENATE Enacted GOV SIGNED

#### SUMMARY:

This law repeals the statutes requiring premarital medical examinations, originally enacted to detect the presence of sexually transmitted diseases prior to marriage.

Enforcement of the law dealing with premarital medical examinations has been suspended by administrative action for over 10 years. During the last 4 years of enforcement, \$400,000 was spent testing 100,000 people to detect one new case of primary syphilis. The data from the state's sexually transmitted disease program continues to indicate that the syphilis cases occurring in Maine are in groups other than the group of persons contemplating marriage. More than 20 states have repealed their premarital syphilis laws. The Bureau of Health foresaw no likelihood of a change in this trend.