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Resolve, to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Provide Additional Reimbursement to Maine Veterans' Homes

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and
Senators: MOORE of Washington, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin, Representatives:
BRIDGEO of Augusta, CRAVEN of Lewiston, DOUDERA of Camden, GUERRETTE of
Caribou, O'CONNELL of Brewer, SUPICA of Bangor.

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules. Resolved: That, to create long-term, sustainable funding for the operation of Maine Veterans' Homes, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities and Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities, to provide that Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facilities are reimbursed a per patient daily rate for services to residents covered under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX at all Maine Veterans' Homes facilities required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 601, subsection 2. The rate calculation must include the full cost of operating a veterans home, including fixed and variable operating costs, capital replacement, geographic differences and facility size. The rules must contain an annual inflation adjustment provision. Comparison data with other state veterans home programs and consumer price indices may be used in deriving the rate. The department may use a 3rd party to derive or review the rate.

16 SUMMARY

This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rules governing MaineCare program reimbursement in order to provide additional reimbursement to the Maine Veterans' Homes by ensuring that the Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facilities are reimbursed a per patient daily rate for services to residents.