



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Facilities

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:
C "A" (S-497)
S "B" (S-559) to C "A" (S-497)
Committee: Health and Human Services**

Fiscal Note

Legislative Cost/Study

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$61)	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$61)	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$0	\$7,618,777	\$0	\$0
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$709,901	\$0	\$0
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$709,901	\$0	\$0

Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of the Commission to Continue the Study of Long-term Care Facilities are projected to be \$1,250 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$2,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for legislative studies. Whether the amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill provides one-time appropriations totaling \$4,709,840 in fiscal year 2014-15 in the Nursing Facilities program in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for increased MaineCare payments to nursing facilities and for adjustments to funding to reflect increased nursing home tax collections. The additional \$709,901 in nursing home provider taxes that would be collected as a result of the increased payments are reflected in adjustments to appropriations and allocations. The bill includes language that limits the actual nursing facility reimbursement increases to be provided in each of the next 3 fiscal years to the amounts appropriated to fund those increases.

The bill also includes a one-time deappropriation of \$4 million in fiscal year 2014-15 in the Medical Care- Payments to Providers program for recovery of overpayments to providers due to errors in calculating cost-of-care and for continued proper application of cost-of-care rules. DHHS has indicated it had cost-of-care collections of \$10.4 million in fiscal year 2012-13 and expects to recover \$13.9 million in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$9.0 million in fiscal year 2014-15. DHHS has also indicated these recoveries have been included in their MaineCare shortfall forecast used to prepare the 2014-2015 supplemental budget request. Accordingly, additional recoveries or savings above these amounts would be necessary to meet the \$4 million deappropriation.