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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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**131ST LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 696, L.D. 1751, “An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services”

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

**'Resolve, to Direct the Department of Health and Human Services to Explore the Feasibility of an Ambulance Service Assessment Fee'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to explore feasibility of ambulance service assessment fee and voluntary programs that increase funding. Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct an analysis of the feasibility of implementing an ambulance service assessment fee to maximize federal Medicaid matching funds to be distributed to ambulance service providers. The department shall examine other states with service provider taxes or fees for ambulance services and consult with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services; the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical Services; and any other relevant parties on the feasibility of such a fee. The analysis must include, at a minimum, an estimate of funds to be raised, potential technology costs and other costs for implementation and administration and a timeline for implementing the assessment fee. The department shall also explore the potential for voluntary programs with municipalities that increase funding to governmental ambulance service providers through the implementation of an intergovernmental transfer program. The department shall submit a report with the results and recommendations from the analysis to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than January 10, 2025. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 2 **Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

3 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to  
 4 contract with an entity to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of implementing an  
 5 ambulance service assessment fee that generates federal Medicaid matching funds to be  
 6 distributed to ambulance service providers and to explore the potential for voluntary  
 7 programs to increase funding to governmental ambulance service providers using  
 8 intergovernmental transfer programs.

9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
10	All Other	\$0	\$162,500
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12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$162,500
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14	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
15	All Other	\$0	\$166,483
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17	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$166,483

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

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve that requires the Department of Health  
 23 and Human Services to conduct an analysis of the feasibility of implementing an ambulance  
 24 service assessment fee to maximize federal Medicaid matching funds to be distributed to  
 25 ambulance service providers. The department must also explore the potential for voluntary  
 26 programs to increase funding to governmental ambulance service providers by  
 27 implementing an intergovernmental transfer program. The department must submit a  
 28 report with results and recommendations from the analysis to the joint standing committee  
 29 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters no later than  
 30 January 10, 2025.

31 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
 32 **(See attached)**