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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 220, L.D. 346, “An Act to Clarify the Requirements for Family Caregivers”

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

'An Act to Reimburse Family Caregivers'

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

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2149-B is enacted to read:

§2149-B. Home health aide services to minors

Notwithstanding section 2147, subsection 2, a parent of a child who is eligible for home health aide services under the MaineCare program may receive reimbursement for providing those services to the child pursuant to this section and according to department rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. State plan amendment. No later than July 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a state plan amendment to allow for qualifying parents of children and youth with in-home personal care needs who are eligible for the MaineCare program to be reimbursed for providing home health aide services under the Medicaid home health benefit.

Sec. 3. Rulemaking. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 40, Home Health Services, to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2149-B, no later than 12 months after receiving approval of the state plan amendment submitted pursuant to section 2. The department shall seek input from stakeholders including home health agencies when developing the rule.

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1 progress report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later
2 than February 1, 2024.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)