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**An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health
Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing
the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt**

CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY

This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

This bill proposes to enact measures designed to enhance the stability and predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt. In order to address that portion of uncompensated care provided by hospitals that is directed to low-income patients who do not have health insurance, measures proposed in this bill may include, but are not limited to, expanding MaineCare coverage in the State.