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Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project for Medicaid Reimbursement for Acupuncture Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.

Sec. 1. Acupuncture pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services shall apply for a community-based waiver from the federal United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol; and be it further

8 Sec. 2. Project program standards. Resolved: That the treatment under the 9 pilot project must be performed by program staff who have been trained to perform the 10 National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The 11 Department of Health and Human Services and the department's office of substance abuse 12 and mental health services shall establish treatment standards that are consistent with the 13 National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol; and be 14 it further

15 Sec. 3. Patient limits and financing. Resolved: That the pilot project must be 16 limited to a finite number of patients determined by the Department of Health and Human 17 Services and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services and 18 may last no longer than 2 years. Acupuncture treatment under the project must be 19 reimbursable as allowed under the United States Social Security Act, Title XIX and it 20 must be developed and implemented in a manner that ensures that it will be cost-neutral 21 or will result in savings to the MaineCare program; and be it further

22 Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services 23 and the department's office of substance abuse and mental health services shall submit a 24 report on the results of the pilot project to the joint standing committee of the Legislature 25 having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at the end of the project.

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SUMMARY

27 This resolve requires the Department of Health and Human Services and the 28 department's office of substance abuse and mental health services to apply for a 29 community-based waiver from the federal United States Department of Health and 30 Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to develop a pilot project to treat alcohol abuse disorders, substance abuse disorders and co-occurring disorders 31 32 using the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association auricular acupuncture protocol. The project may last no longer than 2 years and must be reimbursable as 33 allowed under the United States Social Security Act and be cost-neutral or result in 34 35 savings to the MaineCare program. The department and the office must report their findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health 36 37 and human services matters at the end of the project.