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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
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127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 491, L.D. 715, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Hire Health Inspectors ”

Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to hire health inspectors. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall hire 5 additional state-certified health inspectors in order to meet the department's inspection requirements with respect to licensed establishments under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2497. The department shall report no later than December 2, 2015 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the 5 new health inspectors hired by the department pursuant to this resolve, the cost of those health inspectors and whether the department is meeting the inspection requirements of Title 22, section 2497. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 127th Legislature related to health inspections for licensed establishments; and be it further

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for 5 Public Health Inspector I positions.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$269,630	\$369,286
All Other	\$56,038	\$75,190
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$325,668	\$444,476

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It specifies that the Department of Health and Human Services must hire 5 new state-certified health inspectors, instead of a sufficient number of inspectors as proposed in the resolve, and clarifies that the additional inspectors are to be hired for the purpose of inspecting each licensed establishment in this State pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2497. The amendment keeps the requirement that directs the department to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the cost of the new health inspectors and adds a requirement that the department report on whether it is meeting the inspection requirements of Title 22, section 2497. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)