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SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 605, L.D. 886, “Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Increase Reimbursement Rates for Home-based and Community-based Services”

Amend the amendment in section 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 18 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "reflect" the following: '50% of the increase in rates noted in'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. Rate study. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct a rate study of the services in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40, Home Health Services. The rate study must be conducted by a 3rd party, account for provider costs related to the services in Section 40 and include stakeholders for all services included in Section 40; and be it further

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with findings and recommendations for changes to the rates identified in section 4 no later than January 1, 2017; and be it further

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funds for a rate increase for personal care and related services.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$0	\$2,773,600
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SENATE AMENDMENT

1 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$2,773,600

2	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
3	All Other	\$0	\$4,920,692
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5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,920,692</u>

6 **Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140**
 7 Initiative: Provides funds for a rate increase for personal care and related services.

8	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$0	\$1,226,400
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,226,400</u>

12 **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138**
 13 Initiative: Provides for a one-time reduction of funding for projected savings in the
 14 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

15	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
16	All Other	\$0	(\$4,000,000)
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18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$4,000,000)</u>

19	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
20	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
21	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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23	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
24	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$4,920,692
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26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,920,692</u>

27 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 28 section number to read consecutively.'

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This amendment strikes language from Committee Amendment "A" regarding the
 31 reimbursement for home health services and requires rulemaking for reimbursement rates

1 that reflect 50% of the increase, instead of 100% of the increase as in the committee
2 amendment, in rates in the report prepared by Burns & Associates, Inc.

3 This amendment also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to
4 conduct a rate study of services in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,
5 Chapter III, Section 40, Home Health Services. The department is required to provide a
6 report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health
7 and human services matters with findings and recommendations for changes to the rates
8 no later than January 1, 2017.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 (See attached)

11 SPONSORED BY: _____

12 (Senator HAMPER)

13 COUNTY: Oxford