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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 24, L.D. 17, “Resolve, To Provide Rural Nonmedical Transportation Services to the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities Receiving Home and Community Benefits under the MaineCare Program”

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

Emergency preamble. **Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, transportation for the elderly and adults with disabilities is critical to socialization and positive health outcomes; and

Whereas, a successful pilot project could lead to federal approval of a transportation service similar to one that has been successfully implemented in New York state; and

Whereas, this resolve needs to take effect as soon as possible in order to start the process of developing the pilot project; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Pilot project. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a pilot project lasting 18 months that allows individuals currently receiving services under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 19, Home and Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, to receive up to \$2,000 each in nonmedical transportation services that are specified in the individual's service plan when the individual has no means of transportation other than currently permissible medical transportation.

1. No later than October 1, 2021, the department shall identify the goals of the pilot project to be used to identify an appropriate vendor to design the pilot project.

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1 2. No later than January 1, 2022, the department shall contract with a vendor that is an
 2 academic or policy organization with relevant expertise to design the pilot project. The
 3 vendor must include in the pilot project a mechanism for quantitative analysis and
 4 evaluation to measure improvements in the social determinants of health of participants in
 5 the pilot project. The contract with the vendor must include a final evaluation after the pilot
 6 project has been completed.

7 3. The department shall provide written notice to individuals receiving services under
 8 Section 19 regarding the pending availability of the pilot project and identify participants.
 9 No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall implement the pilot project. The
 10 duration of the pilot project must be 18 months.

11 4. No later than December 1, 2024, the vendor selected in subsection 2 or another
 12 vendor if the selected vendor is no longer available or appropriate shall complete the final
 13 pilot project evaluation.

14 5. No later than January 30, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint
 15 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services
 16 matters with the results of the pilot project including recommendations for applying the
 17 pilot project's model for transportation to other populations receiving services from the
 18 State under a MaineCare waiver program or state-funded program who face transportation
 19 challenges, especially in rural areas of the State.

20 The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the First Regular Session
 21 of the 132nd Legislature.

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

24 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

25 **Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

26 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology costs for updates to MaineCare to add
 27 a pilot project and to track the cap in the member's plan of care.

28	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
29	All Other	\$0	\$13,920
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31	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$13,920

32 **Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

33 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a contract to perform data analysis and report
 34 writing.

35	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
36	All Other	\$0	\$60,000
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38	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$60,000

39 **Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

40 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to develop a pilot project lasting 18 months that
 41 provides nonmedical transportation services to individuals receiving services pursuant to
 42 rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 19, Home and

1 Community Benefits for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities, in an amount up to
2 \$2,000.

3	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
4	All Other	\$0	\$510,000
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6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$510,000

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8	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
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10	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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12	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$583,920
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14	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$583,920

15 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
16 takes effect when approved.'

17 Amend the resolve by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
18 section number to read consecutively.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve.
21 It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with an academic or
22 policy organization with relevant expertise to design a pilot project providing nonmedical
23 transportation to individuals receiving services under the department's rule Chapter 101:
24 MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 19. It changes the dates of the pilot project
25 under the resolve to allow time for the design stage and includes an evaluation requirement.
26 The amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause. The amendment also
27 adds an appropriations and allocations section.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
29 **(See attached)**