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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 972, L.D. 1364, Bill, “An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hospital Leave Days for MaineCare Recipients”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Hospital and Therapeutic Leave Days for MaineCare Recipients'

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 3rd paragraph (page 1, lines 5 to 7 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'Whereas, this legislation clarifies the number of allowable hospital leave days by specifying that MaineCare recipients are limited to 7 hospital leave days per hospital visit and 20 therapeutic leave days per year; and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in the initiative in the 2nd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4" and inserting the following: '4 7'

Amend the bill in section 1 in the initiative in the last line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "one therapeutic leave ~~days~~ day" and inserting the following: '~~one~~ 20 therapeutic leave days'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)
Nursing Facilities 0148**

Initiative: Adjusts funding by limiting therapeutic leave days in the MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 45 and Section 67, to 7 hospital leave days per hospital visit and 20 therapeutic leave days per year.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$21,702	(\$112,760)	(\$113,513)
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,702</u>	<u>(\$112,760)</u>	<u>(\$113,513)</u>
5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
6	FUND			
7	All Other	\$36,278	(\$182,462)	(\$181,709)
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9	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	<u>\$36,278</u>	<u>(\$182,462)</u>	<u>(\$181,709)</u>
10	TOTAL			
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12 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
13 section number to read consecutively.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This amendment changes the number of hospital leave days per hospital visit to 7 and
16 the number of therapeutic leave days to 20 per year.

17 The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section.

18 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

19 **(See attached)**