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**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 595, L.D. 1533, Bill, “An Act To Provide an Annual Cost-of-living Adjustment to Nursing Facilities To Further Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Study Long-term Care Facilities”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to amend rules.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities to remove the requirement that cost-of-living adjustments received by nursing facilities must be applied to the wages and benefits of front line employees.

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

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

Initiative: Provides funding in the Nursing Facilities program to provide an annual cost-of-living adjustment required by Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	\$0	\$3,211,505
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,211,505</u>

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
2	All Other	\$0	\$6,834,467
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4	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$6,834,467</u>

5	<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
6	All Other	\$0	\$641,232
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8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$641,232</u>

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment adjusts the funding amounts in the bill to reflect more accurate  
 12 estimates. It also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its  
 13 rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of  
 14 Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities to remove the requirement that cost-of-living  
 15 adjustments received by nursing facilities must be applied to the wages and benefits of  
 16 front line employees.