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HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 39, L.D. 38, Bill, “An Act To Require Insurance Coverage for Hearing Aids for Adults”

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 10 and 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. The hearing aid must be purchased from an audiologist or hearing aid dealer licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137 in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and rules for the sale and dispensing of hearing aids.'

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 1, lines 25 and 26 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. The hearing aid must be purchased from an audiologist or hearing aid dealer licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137 in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and rules for the sale and dispensing of hearing aids.'

Amend the bill in section 5 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph B (page 2, lines 3 and 4 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'B. The hearing aid must be purchased from an audiologist or hearing aid dealer licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 137 in accordance with federal and state laws, regulations and rules for the sale and dispensing of hearing aids.'

Amend the bill by adding after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Calculation and transfer; premium costs. The State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of increased premium costs that apply to each General Fund account and Highway Fund account for all departments and agencies and transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. The transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2020-21.

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

2 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for increased premium costs to departments and
3 agencies statewide as a result of the State Employee Health Plan being required to cover
4 hearing aids.

5	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
6	All Other	\$0	\$158,492
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$158,492

9	HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
10	All Other	\$0	\$56,779
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12	HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$56,779

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14 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
15 section number to read consecutively.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This amendment adds language to clarify the requirement that the purchase of a
18 hearing aid in accordance with the bill's coverage must be done in accordance with
19 federal and state laws, regulations and rules for the dispensing of hearing aids. The
20 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section and provides for the
21 calculation and transfer of amounts for premium costs by financial order.

22 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

23 **(See attached)**