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House of Representatives, January 31, 2013

### **An Act Concerning the Use of Tobacco Settlement Funds for Children's Health Care**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PLANTE of Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Newfield, CHENETTE of Saco, EVANGELOS of  
Friendship, GRANT of Gardiner, MARKS of Pittston, NOON of Sanford, WILSON of  
Augusta, Senator: DUTREMBLE of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1511, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 617, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Health promotion purposes.** Allocations are limited to the following prevention  
5 and health promotion purposes:

6 A. Smoking prevention, cessation and control activities, including, but not limited to,  
7 reducing smoking among the children of the State;

8 A-1. Prevention, education and treatment activities concerning unhealthy weight and  
9 obesity;

10 B. Prenatal and young children's care including home visits and support for parents  
11 of children from birth to 6 years of age;

12 C. Child care for children up to 15 years of age, including after-school care;

13 D. Health care for children and adults, maximizing to the extent possible federal  
14 matching funds;

15 E. Prescription drugs for adults who are elderly or disabled, maximizing to the extent  
16 possible federal matching funds;

17 F. Dental and oral health care to low-income persons who lack adequate dental  
18 coverage;

19 G. Substance abuse prevention and treatment; and

20 H. Comprehensive school health and nutrition programs, including school-based  
21 health centers.

22 Funding allocated pursuant to paragraphs A, A-1, B, C, D, F, G and H may not be  
23 decreased in subsequent unified current services budget legislation or deallocated in  
24 supplemental budget legislation in order to reduce a budget deficit.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill amends the law on the Fund for a Healthy Maine to require that funding for  
27 children's health care not be reduced in order to address a budget deficit.