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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 584, L.D. 1719, Bill, “An Act To Update the Powers and Duties of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services”

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 2 to 10 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

'Sec. 3. Report on coordination of efforts to identify veterans who may be entitled to additional benefits. No later than February 15, 2013, the office for family independence within the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters regarding the coordination of their efforts to identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits and may be entitled to, but are not receiving, federally funded benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The report may include recommendations for legislation to assist in this veteran identification effort. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters is authorized to report out a bill to the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes a provision in the bill that authorizes the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with a health care provider to assist the director in obtaining benefits for veterans. The amendment directs the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services and the office for family independence within the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans matters and the joint standing committee of

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1 the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on their  
2 ongoing efforts to identify veterans who have received or are receiving Medicaid benefits  
3 in order to determine if a veteran is eligible for federally funded benefits from the United  
4 States Department of Veterans Affairs. The joint standing committee of the Legislature  
5 having jurisdiction over veterans matters may report out a bill to the First Regular Session  
6 of the 126th Legislature.