



# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**An Act To Clarify Liability Pertaining to the Collection of Debts of MaineCare Providers by the Department of Health and Human Services**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Gattine of Westbrook**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill clarifies requirements for the definition of an ownership or control relationship for purposes of determining when the Department of Health and Human Services may offset debts owed to the department by a provider against current MaineCare reimbursement due to that provider or an entity related to that provider. It clarifies that the department may not offset current reimbursement owed to an entity related by ownership or control to the provider unless the person whose relationship is the subject of the offset has the voting power to govern the operation of the provider owing the debt. This could potentially lead to debts not being offset, which could increase losses to the Department of Health and Human Services. It is not known who these potential providers are and what debts they may have incurred, so no estimate of the potential loss is made at this time.