



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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**Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care**

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Perry of Calais**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Current biennium cost increase - Federal Expenditures Fund

### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a plan and provide 16 new specialized bariatric care nursing facility beds by September 1, 2020. The MaineCare rate for these types of specialized services is determined based on the individual's specific needs, the staffing required and specialized equipment needs. There would need to be a process of identifying which facilities could handle the specialized needs and what the costs would be by facility. It is anticipated that this will create a significant fiscal impact. However, the amount of that impact cannot be determined at this time.