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S.P. 631

In Senate, December 23, 2013

An Act To Enhance the Stability and Predictability of Health Care Costs for Returning Veterans and Others by Addressing the Issues Associated with Hospital Charity Care and Bad Debt

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 23, 2013. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook.

Cosponsored by Speaker EVES of North Berwick and

Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, JOHNSON of Lincoln, SAVIELLO of Franklin, Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, FARNSWORTH of Portland, McCABE of Skowhegan.

| 1  | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:                               |
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| 2  | CONCEPT DRAFT   |
| 3  | SUMMARY   |
| 4  | This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.                                    |
| 5  | This bill proposes to enact measures designed to enhance the stability and                  |
| 6  | predictability of health care costs for returning veterans and others by addressing the     |
| 7  | issues associated with hospital charity care and bad debt. In order to address that portion |
| 8  | of uncompensated care provided by hospitals that is directed to low-income patients who     |
| 9  | do not have health insurance, measures proposed in this bill may include, but are not       |
| 10 | limited to, expanding MaineCare coverage in the State.                                      |