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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 190, L.D. 587, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Membership on the Maine Council on
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 1 and
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7108, 3rd ¶, 4th sentence, as enacted
by PL 1973, c. 566, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7108, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973,
c. 566, §1, is further amended by adding at the end a new
sentence to read:

Appointments to the council shall be made so as to insure
that at least 6 members shall be persons recovered from
alcoholism, chronic intoxication, drug abuse or drug
dependency, having evidenced a minimum of 3 years of sobriety
or abstention from drug abuse.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2
and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 3. Exception. Nothing in sections 1 and 2 of
this Act shall be construed as requiring replacement of
members currently serving on the council upon the enactment
of this Act, but this Act shall govern all appointments
made subsequent to its enactment.'

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Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to clarify the language of the bill and to reduce from 10 to 6 the number of members who shall be persons recovered from alcohol and drug problems. In view of the other appointment requirements now in the law, requiring that 10 members be persons recovered from alcohol and drug problems would restrict membership to a relatively small number of persons. Reducing the requirement to 6 would provide better representation of such persons without such a serious restriction.

Reported by the Committee on State Government.

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