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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-26) 110TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTER AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 154, L.D. 178, Bill, "AN ACT to Coordinate and Assign the Responsibility for Conducting Air Search and Rescue Operations in the State Arising from Aeronautical Activities."

Amend the Bill in that part designated "§303" by striking out subsection 3 and inserting in its place the following:

- '3. Plan of action. The state air search and rescue plan shall provide a plan of action for search and rescue which will mobilize all state agencies which can contribute in those emergencies, in accordance with agreements reached in advance and which relies upon the Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol to coordinate and control specific air search operations. The plan shall provide that its first objective shall be saving human life and rendering prompt aid to survivors.
- 4. Authority. The Commissioner shall have the responsikility and authority improviding for the execution and overall coordination of air search and rescue efforts initiated in support of the plan by those state agencies which can contribute in those emergencies.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment to subsection 3 makes the modifying clause of reliance on Civil Air Patrol applicable to the whole plan. The new subsection 4 makes clear that the commissioner has the overall coordination and authority to

execute the plan. Reported by the Committee on Transportation. Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.