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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 840, L.D. 2239, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Civil Rights and Prevent Discrimination"

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Amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title by striking out everything after the following: "bill" and inserting in its place the following: 'by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

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'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4552, as amended by PL 1993, c. 327, §1, is further amended to read:

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§4552. Policy

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To protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is declared to be the policy of this State to keep continually in review all practices infringing on the basic human right to a life with dignity, and the causes of these practices, so that corrective measures may, where possible, be promptly recommended and implemented, and to prevent discrimination in employment, except on account of a reasonable concern related to an occupational qualification, or because of the previous assertion of a claim or right under former Title 39 or Title 39-A; in housing or, except on account of a reasonable concern related to health, safety or payment of rent; in access to public accommodations on account of race, color, sex, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin; and in

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2 ~~employment,--discrimination-on-account-of-age-or-because-of-the~~
3 ~~previous-assertion-of-a-claim-or-right-under-former-Title-39-or~~
4 ~~Title-39-A-and-in-housing-because-of-familial-status,--and-to~~
5 ~~prevent-discrimination, except on account of a reasonable concern~~
6 ~~related to health, safety or payment for the goods or services~~
7 ~~rendered; in the extension of credit, except on account of age,~~
8 ~~race,--color,--sex,--marital-status,--religion,--ancestry-or-national~~
9 ~~origin,--and-to-prevent--discrimination a reasonable concern~~
10 ~~related to repayment; and in education on account of sex or~~
11 ~~physical or mental disability.~~

12 **Sec. 2. Implementing legislation.** The Maine Human Rights
13 Commission shall submit a bill implementing this Act for the
14 120th Legislature no later than November 1, 2000.' '

15 Further amend the amendment by striking out everything after
16 the first indented paragraph after the title to the 2nd indented
17 paragraph before the fiscal note.

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

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22 The Maine Human Rights Commission will incur some minor
23 additional costs to submit implementing legislation. These costs
24 can be absorbed within the commission's existing budgeted
25 resources.

28 **SUMMARY**

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30 This amendment repeals references to protected classes in
31 portions of the Maine Human Rights Act and replaces them with a
32 general prohibition against discrimination in the areas specified
33 in current law subject to certain exceptions.

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38 SPONSORED BY: 
39 (Representative PERKINS)

40 TOWN: Penobscot
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