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STATE OF MAINE
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119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1939, L.D. 2682, Bill, "An Act to Provide Equal Treatment for State Employees under Certain Federal Employment Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill will likely increase the State's exposure to risk from employment-related suits. While the State is currently at risk from these types of suits, the State does not currently insure against these types of losses. It only insures for the legal defense costs related to these suits. The amount of the additional costs to the State to insure itself against the risks in this area can not be determined at this time. While this bill will incrementally increase that risk, the costs associated with that incremental risk above the State's current exposure can not be determined at this time. The insurance costs for this type of insurance are assessed on state departments and agencies on a per employee basis. It is expected that the Division of Risk Management within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services will increase its assessment in the 2002-2003 biennium to reserve adequately for this exposure.

This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in the court system. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2 The additional costs associated with representing the State
can be absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General
utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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8 **SUMMARY**

This amendment corrects the fiscal note on the bill.

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