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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 464, L.D. 634, Bill, "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman"

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §262, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 643, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

§262. Appointment; term; compensation

The Governor shall appoint an ombudsman to head the Office of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman, who is referred to in this chapter as the "ombudsman," subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and confirmation by the Senate. The ombudsman must be chosen without reference to party affiliation and solely on the ground of professional competence to perform the duties of that office. The ombudsman appointed in 2003 holds office until January 1, 2005. Thereafter, the ombudsman holds office for a term of 4 years. An ombudsman may be reappointed. The compensation of the ombudsman is fixed by the Governor.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Initiative: Provides funds for the creation of the Maine-Canada
Trade Ombudsman as established in the Maine Revised Statutes,
4 Title 5, chapter 12-A.

6	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(1.000)
8	Personal Services	\$0	\$109,875
	All Other	0	16,000
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	General Fund Total	\$0	\$125,875'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment changes the funding for the Office of the
Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman and clarifies the term of
18 appointment for that position.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 634

An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman

LR 0898(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings):				
General Fund	\$0	\$125,875	\$128,707	\$131,925
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$125,875	\$128,707	\$131,925

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$125,875 in fiscal year 2004-05 to establish a Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman position within the Governor's Office of the Executive Department.