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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 583, L.D. 815, Bill, "An Act
Establishing the Maine Planning Commission on Criminal Law
Administration."

Amend said Bill by inserting before the enacting clause,
the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, the President of the United States' Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice urges "in every State and every city, an agency, or one or more officials, should be specifically responsible for planning improvements in crime prevention and control and encouraging their implementation"; and

Whereas, the U. S. Department of Justice has made grants of up to \$25,000 to several states in order to further this activity and stands ready to do so for Maine; and

Whereas, several studies are necessary in the immediate future, it is desirable to maintain continuity with the Governor's Planning Committee on Criminal Administration which will be replaced by this permanent body; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§502" by striking out all of the first 4 sentences (same in L.D. 815) and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The committee shall consist of 19 members. The following shall be members of the committee: The Attorney General, the Chief of the State Police, the Senate and House chairmen of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary of the Legislature and the Director of the Division of Probation and Parole. The remaining 14 members of the committee shall be appointed by the Governor from among

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citizens and public officials who have an interest in law enforcement, judicial administration and corrections. The membership shall include: Two other members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary of the Legislature, a sheriff, a chief of a municipal police department, the head of a correctional institution in the State of Maine and a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.'

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "§503" by striking out the underlined semicolon at the end of subsection 2 (same in L.D. 815) and inserting in place thereof the following: ', such studies may include but shall not be limited to creation of a full-time prosecuting attorney system, juvenile offender laws and review of statutes in relation to The Model Sentencing Act;'

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end, the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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