

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 103rd LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1176, L.D. 1674, Bill, "An Act Revising the Drug, Narcotic and Pharmacy Laws."

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

'<u>Emergency preamble</u>. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, illegal traffic in drugs and narcotics has increased greatly; and

Whereas, in order to control violations, the following legislation is vitally needed to aid in the enforcement of the laws relating to drugs and narcotics; and

Whereas, such legislation is vitally necessary to protect Maine citizens, and particularly the youth, from the evils of the illegal traffic in drugs and narcotics; 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 by adding at the end, the following:

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

Filed by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

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