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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 976, L.D. 1290, Bill, "AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for the Purpose of Creating an Office of Off-reservation Indian Development within the Department of Indian Affairs."

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

'Sec. 1.
Findings; purpose. The Legislature finds and declares that the Department of Indian Affairs is presently unable because of lack of funds, to effectively advise Indians residing off-reservation in the State of Maine who desire such information of existing services and programs available to them.

The Legislature further finds and declares that the advancement of such programs to such off-reservation Indians who desire to participate therein would help to generate income for such Indians and improve their social and economic welfare.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the first line after the enacting clause (Same in L.D.) the underlined abbreviation and figure 'Sec. 2.'

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Further amend said Bill in the 6th line (5th line of L.D.) by inserting after the word "Development." a new sentence to read as follows: 'Said office of Off-reservation Indian Development shall not advise or render services, or attempt to advise or render services, to off-reservation Indians who do not desire such advice or services.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate certain possible constitutional difficulties suggested by an informal advisory opinion of the State Attorney General.

Filed by Mr. Haskell of Houlton.

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