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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-473)
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 103, L.D. 126, Bill,
'AN ACT Amending the Powers and Duties of the Maine Committee
on Aging to Include the Inspection of Nursing Homes.'

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'22 MRSA §5112, sub-2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793,
section 11, is amended by adding at the end the following
blocked paragraph:

In order to serve as advocate and ombudsman for older people,
the committee shall have the power to enter onto the premises
of any residential facility licensed according to sections
5 and 1817 in order to investigate complaints concerning such
facilities. The committee may authorize up to 25 persons,
including committee members, staff of the committee and other
citizens, to carry out this function of the committee.
Appropriate identification shall be issued to all such persons.
The committee shall renew such authorization and reissue
identification annually. The findings of the committee shall
be available to the public upon request.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to limit the number of
persons who may be authorized by the committee to enter into nursing
homes and to provide that authorized persons shall be provided
with identification by the committee.

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