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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1269, L.D. 1583, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to the Period for Commencing Civil Actions under
the Human Rights Act."

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

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4611, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 501, §1,
is amended to read:

§4611. Complaint

Any person who has been subject to unlawful discrimination,
or any employee of the commission, may file a complaint under
oath with the commission stating the facts concerning the
alleged discrimination, provided, however, that such complaints
must be filed with the commission not more than 6 months after
the act of unlawful discrimination complained of.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4613, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1971,
c. 501, §1, is amended to read:

C. The action shall be commenced not more than ~~one-year~~
2 years after the act of unlawful discrimination complained
of.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment is intended to make the Human Rights Act
consistent with its original intent and purpose. An increase
in the statute of limitations, made necessary by the practical
time demands on proper commission action, should not expand
the overall jurisdiction of the commission. Section 1 would

require that an individual file any complaint with the
commission within 6 months of the alleged act of discrimination.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources.

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