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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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107TH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 618, L.D. 1950, Bill, "AN
ACT Relating to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for State Retirees."

Amend said Bill by inserting at the beginning of the
first line after the enacting clause the underlined abbreviation
and figure 'Sec. 1.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before the Statement
of Fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Supplemental security income; mandatory and
optional payments. It is the intent of the Legislature that any
increases in the ~~federal~~ ~~supplemental~~ ~~security~~ ~~income~~ benefit
levels, effective the same month as the federal increase takes
effect, shall be passed along in the same total dollar amount
of any such increase to each beneficiary in the optional
program and to each beneficiary in the mandatory program who
has not reached the state ceiling.

The department shall immediately take action necessary to
raise, effective July 1st, the state ceiling for an individual
and for a couple in the same total dollar amount as the
federal SSI increase. Such pass-along of a federal benefit
increase shall not be made to individuals in foster homes or
boarding homes. In the event that funds are available and
without limiting the pass-alongs outlined herein, the
department may, in its discretion, provide for increased payment
rates to foster homes and boarding homes.

Any unexpended balance of this account shall not be transferred to another account and shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward in the same account from year to year to be expended for the same purpose.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for mandatory and optional payments under the Supplemental Security Income Program.

Filed by Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

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