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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1894, L.D. 2074, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Notifying Municipalities of Recipients of
Public Assistance."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after ~~the~~
enacting clause and before the Statement of Fact and ~~and~~ inserting
in place thereof the following:

'22 MRSA §4496, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 622, §77-A and
as amended by PL 1973, c. 288, is repealed and the following
enacted in place thereof:

§4496. Cooperation in administration of public assistance

Upon the request of a municipal official charged with the
responsibility of administering general assistance, the Department
of Human Services shall release information regarding a specific
"Aid to Families with Dependent Children" case. Such information
shall be restricted to those facts necessary for the official to
make a determination on a general assistance application. The
official shall be subject to the same rules of confidentiality as
the Department of Human Services in the use of information given.'

Statement of Fact

It is a legal opinion that Federal Regulation (SRS-AT-75-120)
precludes the providing of such lists to municipal officials. More
than 75% of the families whose names appear on these lists never

request general assistance supplementation. This amendment will still allow municipal officials to obtain the necessary information they need in order to make a determination on an application for general assistance.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.

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