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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT"A" to H.P. 1912, L.D. 2099, Bill, "AN ACT Authorizing the Capitol Planning Commission to Assume Certain Functions now Performed by the Bureau of Public Improvements."

Amend said Bill in section 5 by striking out all of that part designated "§304." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§304. Approval of construction projects

No construction projects shall be initiated in the Capitol Area for the development of state buildings and grounds following the adoption of the plan or amendments and additions thereto by the Legislature without the approval of the Legislative Council and/the Bureau of Public Improvements and the commission of the proposals and plans for such projects.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify certain inconsistencies which now exist in the current legislation.

The Capitol Planning Commission was created in 1967 through chapter 458 of the public laws. In 1971, through chapter 544 of the public laws, the Capitol Planning Commission was abolished and the duties described in section 298 were turned over to the Department of Finance and Administration with the

proviso that the responsibilities previously held by the commission would become the responsibility of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

In 1973, through chapter 622, public laws, the 1971 amendment transferring the duties was repealed and the Capitol
Planning Commission recreated. The legislation recreating
the Capitol Planning Commission failed to clearly transfer the
duties back to the Capitol Planning Commission. Basically,
the legislation still left the bureau with duties which were
intended to be a function of the Capitol Planning Commission.

amendment

This / merely clarifies the legislation of 1973, and does not relieve the pureau of Public Improvements of any of its basic responsibilities relative to capitol improvements withing the Capitol Complex Area. There is no basic change in the functions which are currently being performed by both the pureau and the Capitol Planning Commission. The passage of this legislation will prevent any misunderstanding in the future which could cause problems in the interpretation of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Capitol Planning Commission.

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