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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 5, L.D. 8, Bill, "AN ACT to Appropriate Funds to the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America."

Amend the Bill by striking out in the 5th line (4th line in L.D.) the following: "for the fiscal year 1977-78"

Further amend the Bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there are an estimated 20,000 persons in Maine who suffer from epilepsy; and

Whereas, because of a lack of funds, the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America has not been able to adequately serve persons with epilepsy or provide education to the public about epilepsy; and

Whereas, the major portion of these funds will be matched with other funds, which will become available, to enable the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of American to provide information and specialized training to various groups of people, such as teachers, school nurses and other members of the medical community, and police, fire and emergency personnel; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately

necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end, before the statement of fact, the following:

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide that the Maine Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America receive its \$10,000 appropriation upon approval of the Act. These funds are needed immediately so that they can be matched with other funds which are available now.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources.

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