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STATE OF MAINE SENATE 108TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

(Filing No. S-357)

SENATE AMENDMENT "E" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 70, L.D. 94, Bill, "AN ACT to Increase the Exemption on Estates of Veterans."

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the first paragraph and inserting in its place the following:

- 'Sec. 1. 36 MRSA, §653, sub-§1, ¶C-l is enacted to read:
- C-1. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for the 1978 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter, having a taxable situs in the place of residence of veterans who:
 - (1) Prior to the effective date of this paragraph are eligible for and receiving an exemption under paragraph C; or
 - (2) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I and who would be eligible for an exemption under paragraph C.

The exemption provided in this paragraph shall be in lieu of any exemption under paragraph C to which the veteran

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may be eligible and shall apply to the property of such veteran, including property held in joint tenancy with his or her spouse.

- Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-2 is enacted to read:

 D-2. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for the 1978

 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter, having a

 taxable situs in the place of residence of the unremarried

 widow or minor child of any veteranwho would be entitled to an

 exemption under paragraph C, if living, or who is in receipt

 of a pension or compensation from the Federal Government

 as the widow or minor child of a veteran, and who:
 - (1) Prior to the effective date of this paragraph, is eligible for and receiving an exemption under paragraph D; or
 - (2) Is the unremarried widow or minor child of a veteran who served during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I and would be eligible for an exemption under paragraph D.

The exemption provided in this paragraph shall be in lieu of any exemption under paragraph D to which the person may be eligible.

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- Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-3 is enacted to read:

 D-3. The estates up to the just value of \$5,000 for the

 1978 tax year, and \$6,000 for each tax year thereafter,

 having a taxable situs in the place of residence of the

 mother of a deceased veteran who is 62 years of age or

 older and is an unremarried widow who is in receipt of a

 pension or compensation from the Federal Government based

 upon the service-connected death or her son and who:
 - (1) Prior to the effective date of this paragraph,
 is eligible for and receiving an exemption under
 paragraph D; or
 - (2) Is receiving the pension or compensation from the Federal Government based upon the service-connected death of her son during any federally recognized war period during or before World War I and who would be eligible for an exemption under paragraph D.

The exemption provided in this paragraph shall be in lieu of any exemption under paragraph D to which the person may be eligible.

Statement of Fact

This amendment increases the veterans exemption from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for tax year 1978 and \$6,000 thereafter for those veterans and the widows, minor children and mothers of veterans who are presently receiving an exemption or who served in World War I or before.

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