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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to
S.P. 363, L.D. 1224, Bill, "AN ACT to Repeal Certain Laws
Relating to Conservation."

Amend the Amendment by inserting after section 16 the
following:

'Sec. 16-A. 12 MRSA §2401, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Residency requirement. For the purpose of this
section, a person shall be deemed a resident if that person
has been domiciled in this State for 12 or more consecutive
months with the intent of establishing his permanent
residence in this State. Intent to establish permanent
residence may be established by payment of state income tax,
payment of state excise tax, owning and registering a motor
vehicle in this State or holding a valid Maine driver's
license. Absence of United States citizenship shall not be
deemed a bar to residency status under this section.'

Further amend the Amendment by inserting after section 18
the following:

'Sec. 18-A. 12 MRSA §2401-B, sub-§19, is enacted to read:

19. Residency requirement. For the purpose of this
section, a person shall be deemed a resident if that person
has been domiciled in this State for 12 or more consecutive
months with the intent of establishing his permanent residence
in this State. Intent to establish permanent residence may be
established by payment of state income tax, payment of state

excise tax, owning and registering a motor vehicle in this State or holding a valid Maine driver's license. Absence of United States citizenship shall not be deemed a bar to residency status under this section.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment would allow the Vietnamese people of Maine to purchase resident licenses, which they are not presently allowed to do.

These people should be accorded this privilege for the following reasons.

1. They were expressly invited to resettle in Maine.
2. They have resided here for the past 2 years, with full intent to remain and become American citizens as soon as federal laws will permit.
3. In the meanwhile, they have become employed and pay all taxes required of them.
4. They accept and discharge all responsibilities of a citizen and are solid, contributing members of our society.

The Vietnamese population in Maine is now between 350 and 400. Several have obtained nonresident licenses, but the cost is prohibitive for most.

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