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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1240, L.D. 1465,
Bill, "AN ACT to Exempt Certain Woodburning Appliances
From the Sales Tax."

Amend the Bill by striking out the period at the end
of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:
'and provide technical assistance and information regarding
this sales tax exemption to dealers and retailers of
woodburning appliances. This paragraph shall be in
effect until January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by inserting at
the end of that part designated subsection "2-A" the following:
'This subsection shall be in effect until January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 2 by inserting at
the end of that part designated subsection "2-B" the following:
'This subsection shall be in effect until January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by inserting at
the end of that part designated subsection "3-A" the following:
'This subsection shall be in effect until January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by striking out
all of that part designated subsection "3-B" and inserting in
its place the following:

'3-B. Combination fireplace. "Combination fireplace"
means any woodburning appliance designed for heating which
is equipped with doors that can be shut at any time to
prevent heat loss. This subsection shall be in effect until
January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 3 by inserting at the end of that part designated subsection "3-C" the following:
'This subsection shall be in effect until January 1, 1983.'

Further amend the Bill in section 4 by striking out in the last line the underlined word "free-standing" and inserting in its place the word 'combination' (next to last line in L.D.); and by inserting at the end the following:

'This subsection shall be in effect until January 1, 1983.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to specify that the Office of Energy Resources has the authority to provide assistance to retailers of woodburning appliances and clarify specific language regarding fireplaces. This amendment also limits the tax exemption provided in the bill to 5 years and will expire January 1, 1983. The estimated loss in revenues is \$150,000 for the first year of the biennium and \$200,000 for the 2nd year of the biennium.

Reported by the Committee on Energy.

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