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STATE OF MAINE
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(Filing No. H-791)

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to
H.P. 1451, L.D. 1736, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Charitable
Solicitations."

Amend the Amendment by inserting before the first
paragraph the following:

'Amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all of
that part designated "§5002." and inserting in its place
the following:

§5002. Intent

It is the intent of the Legislature to require the registration
and financial reporting of charitable organizations, excluding
religious organizations, the registration and bonding of
professional fund-raising counsels and commercial co-venturers
and the registration of professional solicitors.

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated
"§5003." by inserting at the end of subsection 1 the following:
'A religious organization is not a charitable organization
for the purposes of this chapter.'

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated
"§5003." by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting in
its place the following:

'2. Charitable purpose. "Charitable purpose" means
any charitable, benevolent, educational, philanthropic,
humane, patriotic or eleemosynary purpose.'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out in the first
line the word "Amend" and inserting in its place the words 'Further

amend'

Further amend the Amendment by striking out all of the 6th and 7th paragraphs from the end before the statement of fact and inserting in their place the following:

'Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated "§5006." by striking out all of paragraph B of subsection 1 and by relettering paragraphs C to F to be paragraphs B to E.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment exempts religious organizations from the Charitable Solicitations Act.

Filed by Mr. Bustin of Augusta.

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