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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT"A"to H.P. 1979, L.D. 2074, Bill, "AN ACT Appropri_ating Funds to Establish Emergency Shelters for Family Members who are Victims of Family Violence."

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the last 3 paragraphs and inserting in their place the following:

'<u>The Department of Human Services shall provide, through</u> social service contracts or directly, emergency services for <u>family members who cannot safely remain in their own homes</u> because of violence, serious threat of violence or other serious <u>family crisis</u>. The emergency services shall include such services as shelter care, counseling and coordinating other necessary services.

The department shall make these services available to all areas of the State insofar as practicable.

The department shall develop contracts for these services with the advice of the Maine Human Services Council.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

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'<u>Sec. 3.</u> Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

1978-79

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Resource Development Victims of Family Violence

All Other

\$300,000

These funds shall only be applied to contracts for services under Title 22, section 8501. Any balance of funds in this account on June 30, 1979 shall not lapse but shall be carried forward in fiscal year 1980 to be expended for the same purpose.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the legislative intent.

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