

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-313)  
109TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 278, L.D. 387, Bill, "AN  
ACT to Provide Funds to Subsidize Adoption of Handicapped Children."

Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the  
following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as  
emergencies; and

Whereas, there exists a pressing need to provide adoptive homes  
for physically or mentally handicapped, emotionally disturbed or  
otherwise hard to adopt children; and

Whereas, this bill provides for a greater variety of funding  
sources for the subsidization of adoption; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create  
an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and  
require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the  
preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by inserting at the beginning of the  
first line after the enacting clause the underlined / <sup>abbreviation</sup> and figure  
'Sec. 1.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
statement of fact the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act. These funds shall not lapse but shall carry forward until the purposes of this Act are accomplished.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$17,500	\$17,500

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to add an emergency and appropriation to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services  
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 Clerk of the House.  
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