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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE (Filing No. S-116)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT" A" to S.P. 287, L.D. 847, Bill, "AN ACT to Simplify the Requirements for Licensing Certain Clergymen to Perform Marriages.'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:
'Every ordained minister of the gospel, clergyman engaged in the service of the religious body to which he belongs or person licensed to preach by an association of ministers, religious seminary or ecclesiastical body, whether a resident or non-resident of this State, and of either sex, may solemnize marriages therein if the religious organization with which he is associated has been licensed for that purpose by the Secretary of State or if he has been licensed for that purpose by the Secretary of State.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to allow a religious organization to be licensed so that any of its ordained ministers can perform marriages in Maine.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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