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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-200)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 683, L.D. 907, Bill,
"AN ACT to Establish a Demonstration Project to Create a Grant
and Loan Program to Assist Older Citizens in Purchasing Medically
Prescribed Eyeglasses, Dentures and Hearing Aids."

Amend the Bill in section 2 in that part designated
"§3187." by striking out all of subsections 2 and 3 and inserting
in their place the following:

'2. Eyeglasses. "Eyeglasses" means lenses which provide
visual correction deemed necessary as prescribed by an ophthalmologist
or an optometrist licensed to practice in the State, subject to
criteria established by the Medical Eye Care Advisory Committee
of the Bureau of Health, Department of Human Services, and frames
whose cost shall not exceed \$15.

3. Hearing aid. "Hearing aid" means any wearable instrument
or device designed to compensate for impaired hearing, appropriate
to the needs of the individual as evaluated by/^{an}otologist licensed
to practice medicine in the State, by/^{an}audiologist licensed by
the State, or by ^ahearing aid dealer and fitter licensed by the
State.'

Statement of Fact

The amendment clarifies the language in the definitions
In
section of the Bill. /Title 22, section 3187, it removes language
taken from existing regulations for those 21 years or older who
would have different vision problems. In Title 22, section 3187,
subsection 3, it removes the requirement of "prescription " for
a hearing aid, since this is not the method for obtaining a
hearing aid. Hearing aids are purchased after an "evaluation"

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by an otologist, audiologist or hearing aid dealer.

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