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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-490)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1168, L.D. 1443, Bill,
"AN ACT Concerning Limited Decrees for Alimony."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after the
enacting clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §721, 4th sentence, as repealed and
replaced by PL 1977, c. 564, §86, is amended to read:

The court may at any time alter, amend or suspend a decree for
alimony or specific sum when it appears that justice requires
it; except that a court may not increase the alimony if the
original decree prohibits an increase.

Sec. 2.
✓19 MRSA §721, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 564,
§86, is amended by inserting at the end the following new
paragraph:

This section shall not limit the court, by full or partial
agreement of the parties or otherwise, from awarding alimony
for a limited period, from awarding alimony which may not
be increased regardless of subsequent events or conditions,
or otherwise limiting or conditioning the alimony award in any
manner on terms that the court deems just.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment simplifies the bill's provisions for allowing flexible and limited alimony decrees. It also removes some unnecessary provisions in the bill.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Judiciary
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