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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 109TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1361, L.D. 1597, Bill,
"AN ACT to Fund and Implement Agreements between the State
and the Maine State Employees Association and to Fund and
Implement Benefits for Managerial and other Employees of the
Executive Branch Excluded from Coverage under the State
Employees Labor Relations Act."

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, the 90-day period may not terminate until after the beginning of the next fiscal year; and

Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of tentative collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the Executive Branch which require legislative action; 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 in section 6 by striking out all of the 2nd sentence.

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

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

Statement of Fact

The intent of this amendment is to place an emergency provision on the original bill, to delete portions of the original bill which are no longer necessary in light of subsequent negotiations and to revise the statement of fact in the 2nd paragraph to read "Members of the MSEA have ratified the tentative agreements reached March 10, 1979, March 14, 1979, and May 10, 1979;" and by striking out the 7th paragraph of the statement of fact.

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