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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-885)
109TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 698,
L.D. 1834, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish an Environmental Health
Program.

Amend the Amendment by striking out everything after the
title and inserting in its place the following:

'Amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated
"§1662." by striking out all of the first underlined paragraph
and inserting in its place the following:

The department shall establish an environmental health unit
within the Bureau of Health. This unit shall be directed by an
individual with training and experience in one or more of the
following disciplines: Environmental medicine, epidemiology,
toxicology, statistics and related fields. The responsibilities
of the environmental health unit shall include, but not be limited
to:

Further amend the Bill in section 1 in that part designated
"§1663." in the 5th sentence, by inserting after the underlined
word and punctuation "medicine," the following underlined words
and punctuation 'occupational medicine,'

Further amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all of
those parts designated "§1664." and "§1665."

Further amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out all of
that part designated "§1666." and inserting in its place the following:
§1664. Acceptance of funds

The department is authorized to accept any public or private
funds which may be available for carrying out the purposes of this
chapter.

§1665. Report

The commissioner shall make regular reports to the people
of this State regarding the environmental health of the citizens

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of the State. He shall also include specific reference to the
work of the environmental health unit in an annual report to the
Legislature.

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2
and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

| | <u>1980-81</u> |
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| HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Health Program Positions | (1) |
| Personal Services | \$45,000 |
| All Other | 4,000 |
| Capital Expenditures | <u>1,000</u> |
| Total | \$50,000' |

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to provide one health
professional to direct the Environmental Health Unit. The amendment
also removes from the bill the Department of Human Service's
right to promulgate rules and regulations, clearly leaving that
authority in the hands of the Legislature. It also removes the
department's right of entry and inspection.

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