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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 24, L.D. 25, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Social Worker Registration Act with Respect to Employment by Nursing Homes and to Foster Coordination with State and Federal Regulations Governing Required Social Services in Nursing Homes."

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and 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 provision of the social worker registration law exempting employees of nursing homes from requirements of licensing or supervision under that law will expire on July 1, 1983, if this legislation is not enacted; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 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 subsection 3, by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'This exemption expires on July 1, ~~1983~~ 1985.'

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

'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency

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1 cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect
2 when approved.'

3 STATEMENT OF FACT

4 This amendment further extends the exemption of
5 nursing homes from the requirements of the social
6 worker registration law until 1985. During this
7 period, it is expected that the licensing board,
8 nursing home interests and the Department of Human
9 Services will develop safeguards to ensure properly
10 qualified social work services to occupants of nurs-
11 ing homes, without unnecessary regulation.

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