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STATE OF MAINE  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A"  
to H.P. 1024, L.D. 1476, Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the  
Provisions Governing the Conversion of a Mutual In-  
surer."

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Amend the amendment by inserting after section 7  
the following:

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'Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §3477, sub-§2-A is enacted to  
read:

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2-A. Prior to a hearing on any plan or procedure  
under this section, the superintendent shall notify  
the Public Advocate, as established by Title 35, sec-  
tion 1-A, who shall act as an advocate for the  
insurer's policyholders. The Public Advocate shall  
be given access to the insurer's list of policyhold-  
ers and shall be afforded sufficient time prior to  
any hearing to distribute information to the  
insurer's policyholders. Any costs related to repro-  
duction of any lists or any information for the lists  
and the distribution of any information shall be in-  
cluded in the Public Advocate's budget as set out in  
paragraph B.

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A. The Public Advocate may retain counsel and  
may hire actuaries as he deems necessary to carry  
out his duties under this subsection, subject to  
the limitations of paragraph B.

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B. The Public Advocate, prior to taking any ac-  
tion under this subsection, shall prepare a bud-  
get and a plan of action which shall be made pub-  
lic. In no case may the expenditures by the Pub-  
lic Advocate, as reflected in the budget, exceed  
\$250,000. The cost of any expenditures made by  
the Public Advocate in accordance with a budget

1           shall be borne by the insurer.

2           C. The Public Advocate shall perform the follow-  
3           ing duties:

4                   (1) Represent the insurer's policyholders  
5                   in any hearings on any plan or procedure and  
6                   in proceedings concerning that plan or pro-  
7                   cedure;

8                   (2) Provide information to the policyhold-  
9                   ers concerning the plan or procedure;

10                   (3) Answer any questions or inquiries from  
11                   policyholders concerning the plan or proce-  
12                    dure; and

13                   (4) Advise the policyholders concerning the  
14                   plan or procedure or any aspect of the plan  
15                   or procedure.'

16                   Further amend the amendment by renumbering the  
17                   sections 8 and 9 to be 9 and 10.

18                   STATEMENT OF FACT

19                   The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that  
20                   the policyholders have their own independent voice in  
21                   the process and have access to an independent party  
22                   to inform and advise them.

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