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L.D. 2405

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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
112TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 965, L.D. 2405,
Bill, "AN ACT to Make Corrections of Errors and In-
consistencies in the Laws of Maine."

Amend the bill in Part A by inserting after sec-
tion 16 the following:

'Sec. 17. 5 MRSA §3518-A is enacted to read:

§3518-A. Administration of the fuel assistance and
energy conservation programs.

The Executive Department, Division of Community
Services, shall administer fuel assistance and energy
conservation programs as provided in this chapter.

1. Administration of fuel assistance. The divi-
sion may select local program operators, except that,
in the case of the fuel assistance program, the mu-
nicipalities that served as local program operators
in 1984 shall be given the option to serve as local
program operators of the fuel assistance program
within their municipality, as long as they comply
with the program operating standards established by
the Division of Community Services by rule in accord-
ance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,
chapter 375.

The Division of Community Services, by rule, shall
provide, at a minimum, the following standards that
shall apply to local program operators and adminis-
trators:

A. Standards that require generally acceptable
accounting and bookkeeping procedures that meet
the requirements of the Federal Government and
the State Auditor;

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1 B. Standards that prohibit conflicts of interest
2 by local program operators and administrators.
3 These standards shall, at a minimum, meet the
4 standards that apply to Legislators as defined in
5 Title 1, section 1014;

6 C. Standards requiring the adherence of the lo-
7 cal program operators to confidentiality with re-
8 spect to program recipients;

9 D. Standards requiring local program operators
10 and administrators to be available to the general
11 public for a minimum specified period of time
12 each week; and

13 E. Standards that will assure that qualified
14 program recipients will be expeditiously provided
15 with assistance by the local program operator or
16 administrator.

17 Any municipality that the Division of Community Ser-
18 vices finds to be in violation of the standards
19 adopted by the division pursuant to this section, may
20 be prohibited from acting as a local program operator
21 or administrator of the fuel assistance program.

22 For the purpose of this section, "fuel assistance"
23 means assistance paid to fuel vendors on behalf of an
24 eligible household or directly to eligible tenants
25 who pay heating costs as an undesignated portion of
26 rent.'

27 Further amend the bill in Part A by inserting af-
28 ter section 56 the following.

29 'Sec. 57. 22 MRSA §5203, sub-§1, as repealed and
30 replaced by PL 1985, c. 613, is repealed.'

31 Further amend the bill in Part A by renumbering
32 the sections to read consecutively.

