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L.D. 412  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 313, L.D. 412,  
Bill, "AN ACT to Promote Equity in Determining  
Medicaid Eligibility for Institutionalized Care."

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Amend the bill by inserting before the statement  
of fact the following:

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'Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall take  
effect on March 1, 1988.'

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Sec. 4. Sunset provision. This Act shall be re-  
pealed on March 1, 1988.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an effective date clause  
which will make this Act effective March 1, 1988. In  
addition, the amendment sunsets the Act on March 1,  
1988. The purpose of this amendment is to enact the  
bill with a delayed effective date and an immediate  
sunset repeal. The delayed effective date will allow  
time for Congress to take federal action on providing  
equity in calculating the availability of income for  
institutionalized care under Medicaid. Federal  
initiatives are currently before the Congress. The  
sunset provision requires further legislative action,  
that is, repeal of the sunset provision, for the  
state law to take effect. Due to the fact that the  
bill will not become effective, this amendment re-  
moves the necessity of placing a fiscal note on the  
bill.

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The sunset provision is being enacted now to let  
Congress know that Maine is serious about correcting  
this inequity regardless of federal action. In addi-

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2 alizing Congress to take action.

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