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7	STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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13	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 157, L.D. 222, Bill, "An Act Concerning Public Assistance Eligibility"
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17	Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:
19	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
21	as emergencies; and
23	Whereas, it is necessary to ensure that veterans eligible for Agent Orange awards will not lose any eligibility for public
25	assistance because of delay in enactment of this bill; and
27	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
29	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
31	safety; now, therefore,'
33	Further amend the bill in that part designated "§9-A." in subsection 1, by inserting after subparagraph (4) the following:
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37	' <u>B. "Agent Orange" means the chemical containing</u> <u>trichlorophenoxy acidic acid and dichlorphenoxy acidic acid,</u> which was used in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam
39	Conflict.'
41	Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of fact the following:
43	'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
45	preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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FISCAL NOTE

The costs of implementing this legislation cannot be determined at this time because federal legislation is pending, which would allow the exclusion of Agent Orange award money in determining eligibility for assistance.

9 If this federal legislation is not passed, or if there is a delay in its enactment, the State would have to pick up that
11 portion of assistance normally provided by federal funds, because current federal legislation does not allow the exclusion of Agent
13 Orange award money in determining eligibility for assistance.

15 The Department of Human Services is authorized to maintain those individuals' level of assistance prior to the award and 17 then request the necessary funds in a supplemental or emergency budget bill.'

- 21 STATEMENT OF FACT
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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and clause to the bill, defines Agent Orange and adds a fiscal note.

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