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L.D. 222

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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 157, L.D. 222, Bill, "An Act Concerning Public Assistance Eligibility"

Amend the bill by inserting 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,** it is necessary to ensure that veterans eligible for Agent Orange awards will not lose any eligibility for public assistance because of delay in enactment of this bill; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of 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 that part designated "§9-A." in subsection 1, by inserting after subparagraph (4) the following:

'B. "Agent Orange" means the chemical containing trichlorophenoxy acidic acid and dichlorphenoxy acidic acid, which was used in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict.'

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

**'Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

