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STATE OF MAINE
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114TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 699, L.D. 1837, Bill, "An Act Related to the State Board of Substance Abuse Counselors"

Amend the amendment in the 5th paragraph after the title in the 5th line (page 1, line 43 in amendment) by striking out the underlined words "recommendations and recommended statutory modifications" and inserting in their place the following: 'recommendations, recommended statutory modifications and an analysis of and justification for the fee schedules set out in sections 6215 and 6219'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the 6th paragraph after the title (page 2, lines 2 and 3 in amendment) and by striking out all of section 8 (page 2, lines 5 to 23 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment in section 9 in the 5th line from the end (page 3, line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: "\$150 biennially" and inserting in its place the following: '\$100 biennially until February 1, 1991'

Further amend the amendment in section 9 by inserting before the last sentence the following: 'On February 1, 1991, and thereafter, the fee for renewal of license or certificate of registration may not exceed \$25 biennially unless the Legislature authorizes a higher fee.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 10 (page 3, lines 7 to 20 in amendment).

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L.D. 1837

2 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the
fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 This bill will not significantly affect budgeted revenues
for the 1990-91 biennium. However, \$100 fee for biennial
10 renewals will be reduced to \$25 after February 1, 1991. If the
fee is not increased by future legislation, the State Board of
12 Substance Abuse Counselors will not have sufficient revenues to
cover its future estimated expenditures. Therefore, the Division
of Licensing and Enforcement within the Department of
14 Professional and Financial Regulation will have to cover any
deficit through its assessment on other regulatory boards.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment removes the fee increases authorized in
Committee Amendment "A" for registered, licensed and associate
22 substance abuse counselors. The amendment changes the fee
schedule for renewals by authorizing a maximum fee of \$100 until
24 February 1, 1991, at which time the fee returns to the current
statutorily authorized fee of \$25 unless the Legislature
26 authorizes a higher fee. The amendment also requires the
advisory committee to include in its report due February 1, 1991,
28 an analysis of and justification for the amounts of these fees.

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(Senator BUSTIN)

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