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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 239, L.D. 330, Bill, "An Act to Increase Funding to Programs Dealing with Domestic Violence"

Amend the bill in section 1, in that part designated "\$8502." in subsection 2 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 1, lines 16 to 18 in L.D.)

Further amend the bill in section 2, in subsection 2 in the first paragraph in the last 3 lines (page 1, lines 44 to 46 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "A person may ask for a waiver of the fee by presenting to the clerk a written request stating:" and inserting in its place the following: 'Twenty dollars of a \$25 fee and \$40 of a \$50 fee must be waived by the clerk if an applicant demonstrates that the applicant is eligible for any form of public assistance, including, but not limited to, medical assistance, food stamps, general assistance and aid to families with dependent children.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraphs A, B and C (page 1, lines 48 to 52 and page 2, line 2 in L.D) and by striking out all of the last paragraph (page 2, lines 4 and 5 in L.D.)

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

'**Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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2 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

4 Purchased Social Services

6 All Other \$277,500 \$370,000

8 Provides funds for domestic
10 violence programs. These
12 funds must be distributed to
14 programs or agencies that
operate shelters or safe
homes for victims of domestic
violence.

16 FISCAL NOTE

18 This bill allocates additional dedicated revenue to the
20 Department of Human Services resulting from an increase in the
fee for a marriage license.

22 The Department of Human Services will absorb the costs
24 associated with reporting, rulemaking and administering these
funds within budgeted resources.

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The amendment removes a provision that would have limited
30 the expenditure of funds to the operation of shelters or safe
32 homes. The amendment allows domestic violence programs to use
34 the funds for outreach and other services.

36 The amendment also limits the marriage license fee waiver to
38 the amount of the increase in the bill and replaces the bill's
waiver mechanism with a more specific one based on an applicant's
eligibility for public assistance.

40 The amendment adds an allocation section and a fiscal note
42 to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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