

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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 by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2652, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

2. Marriage intentions and license. Recording marriage intentions and issuing a marriage license, ~~\$10 \$45~~, except, where when the laws of this State require 2 licenses, the fee is \$5 \$22.50 each. The clerk shall forward monthly to the Department of Human Services \$30 of each fee of \$45 collected and \$15 of each fee of \$22.50 collected and the department shall deposit the funds in a dedicated revenue account for the support of domestic violence programs in accordance with Title 22, section 8502;

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

'Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §2652, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

A. Certificate of birth, marriage or death, \$5 ~~\$10~~ for the first copy and \$2 for each additional copy; and

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Sec. 4. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Purchased Social Services		
All Other	\$225,000	\$300,000
Provides funds for domestic violence programs. These funds must be distributed to programs or agencies that operate shelters or safe homes for victims of domestic violence.		

FISCAL NOTE

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

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment removes the provision from the original bill that limits the expenditure of funds to the operation of shelters or safe homes, allowing domestic violence programs to use the funds for outreach and other services.

The amendment also decreases the marriage license fee from \$50, as proposed in the original bill, to \$45 and allows municipalities to retain a larger share of the increase. The original bill's fee-waiver provision is eliminated.

The amendment also increases the fee for the first copy of a birth, marriage or death certificate from \$5 to \$10.

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