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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 384,
L.D. 558, Bill, "An Act Concerning Late Support Payments"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated
"~~§494-B.~~" by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1,
lines 24 to 28 in amendment) and inserting in its place the
following:

'As notices are revised by the department and as resources
permit, all notices provided by the department under this
subchapter must have a readability score, as determined by a
recognized instrument for measuring adult literacy levels,
equivalent to no higher than a 6th-grade reading level.
Beginning in 1992 and ending in 1997, the department shall submit
a one-page annual report on or before February 15th regarding its
activities under this section to the joint standing committee of
the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resources matters.'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of sections
3 and 4.

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to adapt
all support collection notices and forms to a readability level
of no higher than 6th-grade reading level as notices are
revised. These notices and forms will be revised to the extent
that resources are available. The costs associated with revising
these notices and submitting a one-page annual report to the
Legislature will be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the
Department of Human Services.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This amendment allows the Department of Human Services to
8 make its notices readable at a 6th-grade level over time as it
10 changes its forms and within existing resources. An
12 appropriation is no longer required; this amendment strikes the
appropriation and allocation sections and replaces the fiscal
note.

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Filed by Representative Manning of Portland.
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(5/16/91) (Filing No. H-336)