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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 237, L.D. 628, Bill, "An Act to Ensure Community Participation in Substance Abuse Programs and Planning"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph B in the last line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "i" the following: 'and'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§6, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. Ensure community participation by funding regional alcohol councils to:

(1) Assist in the development of comprehensive state plans, the review of the effectiveness of existing policies and services, and the identification of unmet needs;

(2) Review and comment on proposed grants and contracts;

(3) Increase public awareness and participation;

(4) Supply general reference information; and

(5) Advocate for individuals in need of assistance.

The director shall ensure that councils are funded in a manner that recognizes local differences in cost and travel distances and allows equal provision of services in each geographic area, to the extent that funds are available

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within the office for this purpose.

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill ensures that, to the extent that funds are available within the Office of Substance Abuse for this purpose, regional alcohol councils are to be funded in a manner that recognizes local difference in cost and travel distances and allows equal provision of services in each geographic area.

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The Office of Substance Abuse will provide funding to the regional alcohol councils considering these factors and within the amount of its budgeted resources. The amount of funds available for this purpose could be affected by final enactment of the current services budget. The Governor's adjusted proposal reduces the amount of funds available to the Office of Substance Abuse for its programs and for funding of regional alcohol councils.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment removes the requirement that the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse ensure funding to the Maine affiliate of the National Council on Alcoholism and modifies the requirement to fund the regional alcohol councils by adding the provision that the councils will be funded to the extent that funds are available.

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