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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 540, L.D. 1438, Bill, "An Act to Exempt from Right-to-know Laws Information Contained in the Personnel File of Department of Corrections Employees"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** Department of Corrections employees are often threatened and harassed away from the job; and

**Whereas,** their nonbusiness addresses and phone numbers are not adequately protected from disclosure. Keeping such nonbusiness information confidential will not injure the public and will provide some protection for the employees constantly facing life-threatening situations; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1212." in the first paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 8 and 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "records containing this information are not public records." and inserting in its place the following: 'that part of any record of the department containing this information is not a public record.'

Further amend the bill in that part designated "§1212." in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by

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2 striking out the following: "Addresses" and inserting in its  
place the following: 'Nonbusiness addresses'

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

6 'Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the  
8 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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14 This amendment clarifies that the business addresses and  
phone numbers of Department of Corrections employees are not  
confidential.

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18 This amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an  
emergency clause to the bill.

Reported by Senator Holloway for the Committee on Judiciary.  
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