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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1553, L.D. 2191, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Construction of Two Veterans' Homes in Eastern and Western Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §601, as amended by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. A, §141, is further amended to read:

**§601. Home established; purpose**

There shall ~~must~~ be public homes for veterans in Maine known as "Maine Veterans' Homes." In addition to the presently existing home located in Augusta, a 120-bed home located in southern Maine and, a home, not to exceed 60 beds, located in Aroostook County, a home located in eastern Maine not to exceed 120 beds and a home located in western Maine not to exceed 120 beds may be constructed if federal Veterans' Administration funds are available to meet part of the costs of each facility for construction or operation. The board of trustees shall plan and develop these additional homes and may use any funds available for those purposes, except for the Augusta facility's funded depreciation account. The primary purpose of the homes shall ~~be~~ is to provide support and care for honorably discharged veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during wartime, including the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §602, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1985, c. 773, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Borrow funds. Borrow funds, not in excess of \$5,000,000 \$15,000,000 in the aggregate, make and issue bonds and negotiate

2 notes and other evidences of indebtedness or obligations of the  
3 veterans' home for prudent and reasonable capital, operational  
4 and maintenance purposes. The home may secure payments of all or  
5 part of the obligations by pledge of part of the revenues or  
6 assets of the home which that are available for pledge and which  
7 that may be lawfully pledged or by mortgage of part, or all, of  
8 any property owned by the home. The home may do all lawful  
9 things necessary and incidental to those powers. The home may  
10 borrow money from the Federal Government and its agencies, from  
11 state agencies and from any other source. The home may borrow  
12 money from the State subject to approval by the Treasurer of  
13 State and the Governor. Bonds, notes and other evidences of  
14 indebtedness issued under this subsection shall not be deemed to  
15 constitute debts of the State, nor a pledge of the credit of the  
16 State, but shall be payable solely from the funds of the home;  
17 and'

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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21 This amendment places the language authorizing the  
22 construction of 2 veterans homes in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
23 Title 37-B, specifies that the beds contained in each home may  
24 not exceed 120 and increases the borrowing authority of the Board  
of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes.

Reported by the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans.  
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