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STATE OF MAINE
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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1664, L.D. 2341, Bill, "An Act Regarding Advisory Boards and Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards"

Amend the bill in Part A in section 8 by striking out the first 3 paragraphs (page 5, lines 18 to 40 in L.D.) and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. A-8. Legislative review of statutory advisory boards. The Legislative Council shall undertake a review of the advisory boards repealed under this Act. To accomplish this purpose, the Legislative Council shall assign review responsibilities to the appropriate joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters concerning those advisory boards.

In the event that a joint standing committee decides to recommend continued existence of an advisory board or consolidation of an advisory board's responsibilities with those of another entity or to recommend any other action other than the outright repeal of an advisory board, it shall submit a written report to the Legislative Council and may introduce the necessary legislation on or before March 15, 1993. The joint standing committee shall set forth the reasons for its recommendations and, at a minimum, address the criteria listed in this section. Any legislation recommended under this section that continues the existence of an advisory board that is subject to repeal under this Act must include a provision to repeal the advisory board on January 1, 1999.

The joint standing committees shall consider the following questions in evaluating the advisory boards affected by this Act:

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 8 by inserting at the end a new paragraph to read:

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2 'The joint standing committees shall obtain and review all
4 reports issued by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
6 having jurisdiction over audit and program review matters issued
during the past 5 years that address the advisory boards under
review and shall forward a copy of their findings and
recommendations to that joint standing committee.'

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10 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 210 in the first
line (page 41, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
"July" and inserting in its place the following: 'November'

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14 Further amend the bill by adding at the end before the
statement of fact the following:

16 FISCAL NOTE

18 This bill will result in future savings to departments and
20 agencies throughout State Government from the elimination of
several boards and commissions. The amount of those savings and
22 the funds in which the savings will occur can not be determined
at this time.

24 The Legislature may require General Fund appropriations to
26 supplement existing funding for internal studies in order for
legislative committees to review advisory boards being repealed
by the bill.

28 The Executive Department will incur some minor additional
30 administrative costs to review boards and commissions established
by executive order or by informal action. The Department of
32 Professional and Financial Regulation will also incur some minor
additional administrative costs to review and report on licensing
34 boards. The Office of the Revisor of Statutes will incur some
minor additional costs to review statutory references to boards.
36 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor additional
costs to adopt rules for licensure of water treatment plant
38 operators. The office of the Secretary of State will also incur
additional costs related to new guidelines for reporting on board
40 activities and submitting legislation to repeal inactive boards.
These costs can be absorbed by the respective departments and
42 agencies within their existing budgeted resources.'

44 STATEMENT OF FACT

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48 This amendment retains the intent of the original bill. It
directs the joint standing committees of the Legislature that

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2 will review advisory boards and commissions in 1993 to review
3 recent relevant reports of the Joint Standing Committee on Audit
4 and Program Review and to send a copy of their own
5 recommendations to that committee.

6 This amendment changes the review schedule so that it will
7 occur during the First Regular Session of the 116th Legislature.
8 To accommodate this schedule, the delayed repeal date for all
9 advisory boards and commissions is changed from July 1, 1993 to
10 November 1, 1993.

12 This amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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