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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 41, L.D. 53, Bill, "An Act to Improve Access to Maine's Veterans' Homes"

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 1991, c. 702, §1, is further amended to read:

**§601. Home established; purpose**

There 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, a home, not to exceed 60 beds, located in Aroostook County, a home located in eastern-Maine Bangor not to exceed 120 beds and a home located in western-Maine South Paris not to exceed 120 90 beds may be constructed if federal Veterans' Administration funds are available to meet part of the costs of each facility for construction or operation. In addition, a home located in Machias not to exceed 60 beds may be constructed if federal Veterans' Administration funds or funds from any other state, federal or private source are available to meet part of the costs of the facility for construction or operation, except that the Machias home may not begin operation prior to July 1, 1995 and the construction and funding of the Machias home may not in any way jeopardize the construction, funding or financial viability of any other home. 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 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.'

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

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**FISCAL NOTE**

8 The Department of Human Services will require additional  
10 General Fund appropriations and matching Federal Expenditure Fund  
allocations beginning as soon as fiscal year 1995-96 to support  
12 Medicaid's share of patient care expenses if the 30 additional  
nursing facility beds are developed. The amounts can not be  
determined at this time.'

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

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This amendment, like the original bill, amends the provision  
20 giving the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes the  
authority to pursue the construction of new veterans' homes.  
22 Current law authorizes the board to pursue the construction of a  
home in eastern Maine with up to 120 beds and a home in western  
24 Maine, also with up to 120 beds. The amendment identifies these  
2 homes, which have been authorized by the Legislature and are  
26 currently seeking certificate of need approval, as a 120-bed  
facility in Bangor and a 90-bed home in South Paris. The  
28 amendment also authorizes the board to pursue the construction of  
a 60-bed home in Machias. This is a net increase of 30  
30 authorized beds because 30 of the beds authorized for the western  
Maine home will not be needed for the South Paris home. The  
32 amendment also states that the Machias home may not begin  
operation prior to July 1, 1995 and the construction and funding  
34 of the Machias home may not jeopardize the construction, funding  
or financial viability of any other veterans' home. The  
36 amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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