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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
116TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 367, L.D. 470, Bill, "An Act to Allow Service of Protective Orders on Sunday"

Amend the bill by inserting 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,** citizens seeking protection from abuse or harassment are not protected until the protection order issued by the court is served on the person from whom they need protection; and

**Whereas,** the potential for violence is heightened when a protection order is issued late Friday or on Saturday, and the order can not be served until Monday because under current law, no civil process, including protection from harassment orders and protection from abuse orders, can be served or executed on Sunday; and

**Whereas,** this legislation allows service of protection orders on Sunday; 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 by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill. Recipients of protection orders are often in greater danger between the time when the order is issued and the time the order is served. The bill ensures that Sundays will not delay the service of protection orders and this amendment ensures that the change happens quickly.

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