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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 490, L.D. 648, Bill, "An Act to Require That the Inspection and Investigation Responsibilities of the Electricians' Examining Board Receive Funding Priority"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Allow the Inspection and Investigation Responsibilities of the Electricians' Examining Board to Receive Funding Priority'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§1154." by striking out all of the first paragraph (page 1, lines 8 to 24 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'All fees received by the board shall must be paid to the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State shall place the money to the credit of the Electricians' Examining Board fund. All amounts paid into this fund must be held subject to the order of the board to be used only for carrying-out the purpose of this chapter. Any balance of these fees shall may not lapse, but shall must be carried forward as a continuing account to be expended for the same purposes in the following fiscal years. The board shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over business legislation matters when the funding or staffing provided to the board is inadequate to meet its inspection and investigation responsibilities.'

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

FISCAL NOTE

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Depending on the costs of inspections and investigations conducted by the Electricians' Examining Board, this bill may reduce General Fund revenues collected through the Statewide Cost Allocation Program and dedicated revenues to the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation collected through the Direct Cost Allocation Program. The amounts can not be determined at this time. The annual loss of General Fund revenue could be as high as \$6,856 beginning in fiscal year 1993-94.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Business Legislation.

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Currently, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation has authority over the budget of the Electricians' Examining Board. The bill requires that the commissioner give funding priority to the inspection and investigation responsibilities of the board. This amendment removes authority over the budget from the commissioner and places it with the board.

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The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Business Legislation
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