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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 216,
L.D. 687, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Occupational Disease Law"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the amendment in the first paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 16 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of the fiscal note and inserting in its place the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The expanded entitlement to medical benefits for employees diagnosed with an occupational disease may have several effects on the General Fund. It is likely that the number of workers' compensation claims by state employees will increase thereby increasing costs to state agencies. The amount of these increased costs can not be determined at this time.

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2 In addition, the expanded entitlement to medical benefits
4 for employees diagnosed with an occupational disease may result
6 in an eventual increase in workers' compensation rates, thereby
8 resulting in increased revenues to the General Fund from
insurance premium tax collections. The amount of these increased
General Fund revenues can not be determined at this time.

10 The Workers' Compensation Board will incur some minor
12 additional costs to administer additional workers' compensation
claims under the Occupational Disease Law. These costs can be
absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.

14 This bill may require local units of government to make
16 additional expenditures for workers' compensation claims.
Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the 2/3 vote of all members
18 elected to each House exempts the State from the constitutional
requirement to fund 90% of the additional local cost of these
requirements.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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26 This amendment adds a mandate preamble and amends the fiscal
note.

Filed by Rep. Chonko of Topsham
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