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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 845, L.D. 1150, Bill, "An Act to Promote Electronic Transfer of Funds and Other Information System Improvements in State Government"

Amend the bill in section 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "1994" and inserting in its place the following: '1995'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 4. Automation of functions in the Department of Human Services. The Department of Human Services shall accept the highest possible federal match to implement enhanced computer technology in the Medicaid program that reduces to the greatest extent practicable paper claims from Medicaid providers and creates an instantaneous data base of Medicaid claims information. The Department of Human Services shall accept the highest possible federal match to automate eligibility functions in income maintenance programs. The Department of Human Services shall phase in these technological improvements as soon as possible and shall implement a single eligibility process for its income maintenance programs within 6 months of implementation of the technological improvements."

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Human Services will incur additional costs to provide all recipients of cash assistance programs with the

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2 option of receiving the cash payment through an electronic
3 transfer of funds and to pursue federal matching funds to
4 automate Medicaid claims processing and income maintenance
5 eligibility functions. These costs can be absorbed within the
6 department's existing budgeted resources.

7 Expanding the use of electronic transfers to include cash
8 assistance programs of the Department of Human Services could
9 reduce General Fund revenues from interest income. The amounts
10 can not be determined at this time.'

12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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14 This amendment gives more time to the Department of Human
15 Services to implement the electronic transfer of funds and the
16 "one-stop-shopping" eligibility system required by the bill.

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18 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Human Resources
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