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BUSINESS LEGISLATION

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
116TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1106, L.D. 1493, Bill, "An Act to Enable the Creation of the Volunteer Social Workers' Project"

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

'An Act to Enable the Creation of the Volunteer Social Workers Project'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7031 is enacted to read:

§7031. Volunteer Social Workers Project

The board shall contract with a statewide agency or entity that represents social workers to establish and administer the Volunteer Social Workers Project. The project, pursuant to the contract and in accordance with procedures and protocols developed by the project and approved by the board, shall match persons referred by social service agencies and providers with social workers who have agreed to provide their services on a pro bono basis. In addition, the project shall develop opportunities for social workers to participate on a pro bono basis in community organization activities. The funding of the project is the responsibility of the board and must be derived from the board's revenues. The project may also accept gifts, grants or other income from outside sources to supplement this funding.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue to carry out the purposes of this Act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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**PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

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State Board of Social Worker Licensure

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All Other

\$57,000

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Provides for an allocation of funds to enable the State Board of Social Worker Licensure to contract with a private entity to establish the Volunteer Social Workers Project.'

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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Other Funds

\$57,000

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The State Board of Social Worker Licensure will require additional Other Special Revenue allocations of \$57,000 annually beginning in fiscal year 1994-95 to implement the Volunteer Social Workers Project. The board has sufficient revenues to cover this additional cost.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The original bill establishes the Volunteer Social Workers Project, which will be operated by a statewide agency representing social workers under a contract with the State Board of Social Worker Licensure.

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The project matches persons and organizations that need services with social workers who have agreed to provide services on a pro bono basis. Funds for the project are provided by a one-time surcharge on social worker licenses.

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This amendment provides that funding must be derived from board revenues and that outside funding may be accepted. The amendment also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.

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