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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 76,
L.D. 164, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Number of Days a Tenant May Be in Arrears for Rent Payments"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated 20 "**§6002.**" by striking out all of subsection 2 (page 2, lines 39 to 50 and page 3, lines 1 to 10 in amendment) and inserting in its 22 place the following:

24 '2. Ground for termination notice. Any A notice of termination issued pursuant to subsection 1 must indicate the specific ground claimed for issuing the notice. If a ground 26 claimed is rent arrearage of 14 7 days or more, the notice must 28 also include a statement indicating the amount of the rent that is 14 7 days or more in arrears as of the date of the notice and 30 that--the--tenant--can--negate--the--effect--of--the--notice--of termination-as-it-applies-to-rent-arrearage-if-the-tonant-pays 32 the-full-amount-of-rent-arrearage-before-the-expiration-of-the A termination notice issued on the ground of rent notice. 34 arrearage must also state the following: "If you pay the rent due (amount) before (date), you may ignore this notice." For all 36 residential tenancies, a termination notice issued on the ground of rent arrearage must also state: "You can stop the eviction 38 process at any time before the court rules in the landlord's favor by paying all the rent due at that time and all court fees 40 related to the eviction paid by the landlord." If the notice states an incorrect rent arrearage the notice can not be held 42 invalid if the landlord can show the error was unintentional.'

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

HOUSE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 76, L.D. 164 2 STATEMENT OF FACT 4 This amendment replaces the language prescribed by the 6 Committee Amendment that must appear in the termination notice issued to a tenant. The intent of the notice remains the same 8 but the notice is written/ at a lower reading/level. 10 12 SPONSORED BY: (Representative NADEAU) 14 TOWN: Saco 16

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