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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
117TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 125, L.D. 308, Bill, "An Act to Transfer Legislative Jurisdiction over Loring Air Force Base from the United States to the State"

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

**'An Act to Transfer Legislative Jurisdiction over Loring Air Force Base, Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex'**

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

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and**

**Whereas, the Legislature must approve the retrocession by the United States Department of the Air Force of Loring Air Force Base, Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex; and**

**Whereas, the removal of military personnel from Loring Air Force Base creates the need to accommodate nonmilitary uses and to allow for local law enforcement jurisdiction by approving the retrocession; and**

**Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Loring Air Force Base, Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex; approval of transfer of legislative jurisdiction.**

The United States Department of the Air Force having filed with the Governor by letter dated August 26, 1994 its notice of intention to relinquish and retrocede to the State all of its exclusive legislative jurisdiction and to retain only a proprietary interest over all the lands comprising the Loring Air Force Base, the Loring Water System and the Loring Family Housing Annex in which the United States presently holds exclusive legislative jurisdiction, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 8, the State hereby approves the transfer of legislative jurisdiction as proposed in the notice of intention.

**Sec. 2. Loring Air Force Base, Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex; description of land.**

The existing land so affected is the Loring Air Force Base, inclusive of all land within the present boundaries of that base in the towns of Limestone and Caswell and the City of Caribou in Aroostook County; the Loring Water System in the Town of Connor and the City of Caribou in Aroostook County; and the Loring Family Housing Annex in the City of Presque Isle in Aroostook County.

**Sec. 3. Loring Air Force Base, Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex; legislative jurisdiction.**

This Act approves the retrocession of exclusive legislative jurisdiction by the United States of America back to the State over all lands currently comprising the Loring Air Force Base, the Loring Water System and the Loring Family Housing Annex as of the date of recordation of both this Act and the notice of intention in the Registry of Deeds of Aroostook County.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment clarifies the retrocession of Loring Air Force Base to include the Loring Water System and Loring Family Housing Annex. The amendment also clarifies that the United States will relinquish its exclusive

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legislative jurisdiction to the State, retaining only a  
proprietary interest in those lands.

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