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20	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to S.P. (Act to Amend the Finance Authority of M Equipment Loan Program"	
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24	Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:	
26	'Sec. 1. 10 MRSA 373 , sub- 1 , as amended by PL 1995, c. 519, 3 , is further amended to read:	
28	1. Establishment; membership. T Adaptive Equipment Loap Program Fund L	
30	Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board that consists of 9 members as follows: TheCommissionerofEducationorthe commissioner's the Director of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services or the director's designee; the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's designee; an experienced consumer lender; a certified public accountant; and 5 persons with a range of disabilities, all <u>nondesignated members</u> to be appointed by the	
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36	Governor. The board shall annually ele members.'	
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40	Further amend the bill in section striking out all of paragraphs A and	-
42	place the following:	
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44	<u>loans;</u>	
46	B. A preference is given for loans borrowers seeking loans to acquir	
48	personal, family or household purpo	

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2 C. Loan applications may only be approved or denied by the board at a regular or special meeting except as follows: 4 Approval of applications for loans under \$2,500 (1)may be delegated by the board to a subcommittee of the б board or outside contractors under the supervision and 8 control of the board; and 10 (2) In the discretion of the chair of the board, if an applicant would suffer undue hardship by waiting for 12 the next regular meeting the application may be approved by a subcommittee of the board containing at 14 least 5 members of the board when a majority of the members of such subcommittee vote for approval. 16 In all other cases, including any denial of an application, the application must be acted upon by the board at a regular 18 or special meeting.' 20 Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 to 6 22 and inserting in their place the following: 'Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§51, amended by PL 1993, c. 427, 24 S_3 , is further amended to read: 26 Veteran. "Veteran" means any person who served in the 51. 28 United States Armed Forces during-any-federally-recognized-period of-conflict-ac-defined-in-Title-37-B,-section-504,-subsection-4, 30 paragraph-A-1,-subparagraph--(-3)-,-or--was-eligible--for-an-Armed Forees--Expeditionary--Medal--or--campaign--medal, and was not 32 dishonorably discharged. A-veteran-of-the-Vietnam-War-must-have served-on-active-duty-for-a-period-of-more-than-90-days--unless 34 that-veteran-was-discharged-for-a-service-connected-disability, and-any-part-of-that-active-duty-service-occurred-after-December 22,-1961-and-before-May-7,-1975. 36 Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §963-A, sub-§51-A is enacted to read: 38 40 51-A. Wartime veteran. "Wartime veteran" means any person who served in the United States Armed Forces during any federally 42 recognized period of conflict as defined in Title 37-B, section 504, subsection 4, paragraph A-1, subparagraph (3) or was 44 eligible for an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or campaign medal, and was not dishonorably discharged. A veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty for a period of more 46 than 90 days unless that veteran was discharged for a 48 service-connected disability, and any part of that active duty

service occurred after December 22, 1961 and before May 7, 1975.

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Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1026-C, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 854, Pt. A, §6, is further amended to read:

Insurance. The authority may provide mortgage insurance
benefiting a veteran in an original principal amount of \$250,000
or less in addition or as an alternative to any amount of
mortgage insurance provided pursuant to section 1026-B. The
authority may insure 100% of mortgage payments under this section
for a loan of up to \$75,000 to a veteran. The authority may
insure 100% of mortgage payments under this section for a loan up
to \$125,000 for a wartime veteran.'

14 Further amend the bill by inserting after section 7 the following:

'Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §12507, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 18 117, Pt. E, §9 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

20 1. Debt calculation. The debt must include the total amount of the loan <u>and interest at the rate established by rule</u> 22 <u>of the authority</u>, less the amount, if any, that has been cancelled by return service.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any 26 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the 30 summary the following:

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'FISCAL NOTE

34 The bill replaces statutory provisions defining the distribution of funds within the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program 36 Fund with rulemaking authority. The Finance Authority of Maine intends to adopt rules that will increase the number of eligible 38 borrowers if additional funding for the program, a proposed \$3,000,000 General Fund bond issue included in L.D. 1813, is 40 approved by the Legislature and the voters.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment changes the membership requirements of the Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board to include a designee of the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services instead of a designee of the Department of Education since the bureau was transferred to the Department of Labor.

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The amendment further clarifies that all business entities 2 are eligible for adaptive equipment loans. It includes a requirement that the board adopt rules setting forth a preference 4 for individuals with disabilities to receive loans for personal This amendment also allows a subcommittee of the purposes. 6 Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Board to approve applications for loans of \$2,500 or less and emergency 8 applications. Outside contractors under contract with the board may also approve loans of less than \$2,500.

The amendment further amends the Finance Authority of Maine Act to change the definition of veteran to include any individual who has served in the United States Armed Forces and include a 14 separate definition of a wartime veteran.

16 The amendment expands the Finance Authority of Maine's ability to insure loans to veterans by allowing the authority to 18 insure 100% for a loan of up to \$75,000 for any person who has served in the United States Armed Forces or up to \$125,000 for 20 wartime veterans.

22 The amendment further clarifies that the authority may charge interest on Teachers for Maine loans that are not forgiven 24 by return service.

26 The amendment deletes sections of the bill that have been enacted by Public Law 1997, chapter 97, sections 1 to 4.

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The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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