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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 734, L.D. 2012, Bill, "An Act to Provide Funds for the Year 2000 Project"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 (page 1, lines 23 to 44 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1997-98

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Information Services - Contingency

All Other \$3,000,000

Provides funds to create a contingency fund to assist the Bureau of Information Services in solving "Year 2000" problems associated with State Government's various information systems. Authorized uses will include software and hardware replacements, external consulting and staff retention. Unexpended funds must not lapse but carry forward to June 30, 2001 to be used only for these purposes.

2 Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
4 the State Budget Officer, upon
6 recommendation of the Director of the Bureau
8 of Information Services, shall transfer
10 funds from this contingency fund by
12 financial order to any other department or
14 agency in State Government if it is
determined that that transfer would assist
an agency in addressing its "Year 2000"
information system problem. These transfers
are to be considered adjustments to
appropriations or allocations.

16 The Director of the Bureau of Information
18 Services shall submit detailed status
20 reports at the close of each fiscal quarter
22 to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over
appropriations and financial affairs
describing the progress made by each
department or agency toward resolution of
"Year 2000" information system problems.'

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

28 **FISCAL NOTE**

30 **1997-98**

32 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

34 General Fund \$3,000,000
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38 This bill provides a General Fund appropriation of
40 \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 1997-98 to help solve "Year 2000"
42 problems associated with State Government's various information
44 systems. These funds will not lapse but carry forward until June
30, 2001 and may be transferred by financial order to other
departments and agencies in State Government.

46 The additional costs associated with the quarterly reporting
48 requirement can be absorbed by the Bureau of Information Services
utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

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This amendment represents the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. It increases the General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 1997-98. It also authorizes funds to be transferred to other state agencies if that transfer is determined to be the best solution of a "Year 2000" information system problem. It also amends the carrying provision so that unexpended funds carry only until June 30, 2001. Lastly, it calls for quarterly progress reports by the Director of the Bureau of Information Services to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.