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STATE OF MAINE
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118TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 739, L.D. 2017, Bill, "An Act to Provide Access to Veterinary Education for Maine Students"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting in its place the following:

1. Positions. The Access to Medical Education Program is established under this section. Under this program, the chief executive officer shall secure up to ~~20~~ 21 positions annually for Maine students at schools of allopathic ~~or~~ osteopathic or veterinary medical education up to an aggregate of ~~80~~ 84 positions. Five positions are for students of osteopathic medicine and 15 positions are for students of allopathic medicine and one position is for students of veterinary medicine. If there is an insufficient number of qualified applicants for positions in either discipline allopathic or osteopathic medicine, the chief executive officer may increase or decrease the number of positions available in either discipline. The allopathic and osteopathic medicine positions are available only to eligible students commencing professional education on or after January 1, 1993. The veterinary medicine position is available to a student commencing medical education on or after January 1, 1999.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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2 **FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

4 **Student Financial Assistance Programs**

6 All Other \$12,500

8 Provides funds to secure one position for a
10 Maine student at a school of veterinary
12 medicine.'

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

16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 **1998-99**

20 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

22 General Fund \$12,500
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26 The Finance Authority of Maine's Student Financial
28 Assistance Programs account will require an additional General
30 Fund appropriation of \$12,500 in fiscal year 1998-99 to secure 1
32 position for a Maine student at a school of veterinary medicine.
34 The estimated 2nd-year and 3rd-year costs in fiscal years
1999-2000 and 2000-01 will be approximately \$25,000 and \$37,500,
respectively. Ongoing annual costs, estimated to be \$50,000,
will be required beginning in fiscal year 2001-02.'

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment decreases the number of positions available
40 to Maine students at schools of veterinary medicine.

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44 SPONSORED BY: Sen Michael H. Michaud
(Senator MICHAUD)

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46 COUNTY: Penobscot
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