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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 183, L.D. 261, "Resolve, to Direct the Department of Labor to Set Up and Operate Employment Offices in the 16 Counties of the State"

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

'Resolve, to Direct the Department of Labor to Determine the Cost of Providing Toll-free Telephone Access to All Mainers to Apply for Unemployment Compensation Benefits'

Further amend the resolve by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Toll-free telephone access. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall investigate various methods of providing toll-free telephone access to offices that process claims for unemployment compensation and shall determine the cost of the various methods. The department shall provide cost information for providing such access to the areas of the State with higher than average unemployment and for providing such access to the entire State. The department shall report this information to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor not later than November 15, 1999. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out legislation in response to this information to the Second Regular Session of the 119th Legislature.'

Further amend the resolve by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

FISCAL NOTE

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The Department of Labor will incur some minor additional costs to investigate methods and costs of providing certain toll-free telephone access and reporting the results of the investigation to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the resolve. It requires the Department of Labor to investigate methods of providing toll-free telephone access to offices that process claims for unemployment compensation and to report the methods and cost information to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor by November 15, 1999. The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the resolve.

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