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AWS

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AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 398, L.D. 540, "Resolve, Authorizing the Transfer of Certain State Historic Site Property"

Amend the resolve in section 1 by inserting at the end (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) the following: 'The contract for the transfer must contain a reversion clause specifying that, if the Friends of Montpelier do not continue to use the building and the collections for public educational, historic or cultural purposes, the building and collections will revert to the Bureau of Parks and Lands; and be it further'

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

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

2000-01

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Parks - General Operations

All Other (\$1,805)

Deappropriates funds no longer needed for insurance payments due to the transfer of a historic property from the State to the Friends of Montpelier.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

FISCAL NOTE

1999-00

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund

(\$1,805)

This resolve will result in the transfer of a historical property currently owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation to the Friends of Montpelier. The deed and gift agreement requires that the property and historical collections be used exclusively for historic preservation and public education purposes. The department will not realize any financial gain from the transfer of this property.

The Bureau of Parks and Lands will realize some savings in General Fund expenditures due to decreased property and theft insurance payments. Due to the timing of the property transfer, the estimated savings will be minor in fiscal year 1999-00 and \$1,805 in fiscal year 2000-01. This bill includes a General Fund deappropriation of \$1,805 in fiscal year 2000-01. If the reversion clause is exercised in the future, these savings will no longer be realized.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the contract conveying the property to contain a reversion clause. It also adds a deappropriation and a fiscal note to the resolve.