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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 496, L.D. 703, Bill, "An Act to Create the Maine Civil Rights Act of 1999"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

If this bill requires local school units or other local units of government to modify contracting policies or procedures or implement new programs, this bill represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional local costs can not be determined. Unless General Fund appropriations are provided to fund at least 90% of the additional costs or a mandate preamble is appended to the bill and 2/3 of the members of each House vote to exempt this mandate from the funding requirement, the affected local units of government may not be required to implement these changes.

The Maine Human Rights Commission may require additional General Fund appropriations for an additional position and related costs if it is required to investigate complaints in the area of public contracting. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in
the court system. The additional workload and administrative
4 costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can
be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
6 Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

8 The Department of the Attorney General assumes that the
additional enforcement activities will be minimal and the costs
10 associated with these activities can be absorbed within the
department's existing budgeted resources.'

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.