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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 612, L.D. 852, "Resolve, to Study Outdated, Contradictory and Unenforced Laws"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. Department of Labor, Department of Human Services and Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services authorized to seek comments on outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services are directed to seek comments on outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws from providers, consumers and other agencies, groups or individuals that receive services from the departments. The departments shall specifically attempt to ascertain what, if any, problems are occurring as a result of these outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws, particularly as they affect the delivery of services; and be it further

Sec. 2. Forms of communication. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall make the inquiries required under section 1 of this resolve by letter, both via regular mail and electronic mail, as well as through the departments' publicly accessible sites on the Internet, on an ongoing, regular basis; and be it further

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 **Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Labor, the
4 Commissioner of Human Services and the Commissioner of Mental
6 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall
8 report respectively on the results of these inquiries to the
10 joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
12 over the reporting agency no later than January 31, 2001. This
report must include any recommended legislation to resolve
problems created by outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws.
Each joint standing committee may report out legislation to the
First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature based upon the
report submitted by the agency over which it has jurisdiction.'

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

FISCAL NOTE

18 This resolve requires the Department of Labor, the
20 Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health,
22 Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to seek comments
24 on outdated, contradictory and unenforced laws from providers,
consumers and other agencies, groups or individuals that receive
services from the departments.

26 The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
28 Substance Abuse Services will incur some minor additional costs
30 to seek the required comments and submit a report. These costs
can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.

32 The Department of Labor has requested an additional General
34 Fund appropriation of \$49,350 in fiscal year 2000-01 for legal
services and mailing and postage costs to conduct the review.
36 The Department of Human Services has also requested an additional
General Fund appropriation of \$65,849 in fiscal year 2000-01 for
38 2 project staff for 26 weeks for this purpose. The ability of
the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services to
40 also absorb these costs without additional resources and the
amount of the additional appropriations, if any, that may be
42 required can not be determined at this time.'

SUMMARY

44 This amendment is the minority report. It requires the
46 Commissioner of Labor, the Commissioner of Human Services and the
48 Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance
Abuse Services to acquire feedback from their departments'

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2 providers and customers regarding outdated, contradictory and
unenforced laws and to report on their findings and recommended
4 legislation by January 31, 2001 to the joint standing committee
of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the reporting
agency. It also adds a fiscal note.

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