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HOUSE AMENDMENT "D" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 302, L.D. 873, Bill, "An Act to Clarify Municipal Responsibility for the Maintenance of Veterans' Gravesites"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs after the title (page 1, lines 29 to 38 in amendment).

Further amend the amendment by inserting after section 3 the following:

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'Sec. 4. State mandate requirements. The Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management shall implement the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5685 and the Constitution of Maine to distribute funding to meet 90% of the additional local costs of this Act.

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Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

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Veterans Memorial Day Flags -State Mandate Reimbursement

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All Other

\$18,435

Appropriates funds to reimburse municipalities for 90% of the costs to place individual flags for Memorial Day on the

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "6" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 302, L.D. 873

graves of all wartime veterans located in each municipality or organized township.'

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FISCAL NOTE

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This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$18,435 in fiscal year 2000-01.

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The requirement that municipalities place individual flags for Memorial Day on the graves of all wartime veterans located in each municipality or organized township represents a state mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional cost of this state mandate is estimated to be approximately \$20,483 annually.

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As amended, this bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$18,435 in fiscal year 2000-01 to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to reimburse municipalities for the costs of placing individual flags for Memorial Day on the graves of all wartime veterans. This appropriation represents 90% of the total cost of the state mandate.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment removes the mandate preamble from the bill and provides an appropriation from the General Fund to pay 90% of the costs of placing individual flags on the graves of all wartime veterans.

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