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**STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 380, L.D. 1081, Bill, "An Act to Enact the Uniform Foreign Money-judgments Recognition Act"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8501.**" in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Money-judgment" and inserting in its place the following: 'Money-judgments'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8503.**" in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 34 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "it"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8504.**" in the first paragraph in the first line (page 1, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "under" and inserting in its place the following: 'meeting'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8505.**" in subsection 2, in paragraph E in the last line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "court; or" and inserting in its place the following: 'court:'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8505.**" in subsection 2, in paragraph F in the last line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "action." and inserting in its place the following: 'action; or'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "**§8505.**" in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph F the following:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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2 'G. The foreign court rendering the judgment would not  
recognize a comparable judgment of this State.'

4 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
6 "~~§8506.~~" in the first line (page 2, line 33 in L.D.) by striking  
out the following: "Jurisdiction" and inserting in its place the  
following: 'Personal jurisdiction'

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10 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
12 "~~§8506.~~" in subsection 1 in the first line (page 2, line 35 in  
L.D.) by inserting after the following: "refused" the following:  
'recognition'

14 Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated  
16 "~~§8506.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the last line (page 2,  
line 44 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "court" the  
following: 'over the defendant'

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20 Further amend the bill in section 1 by inserting at the end  
the following:

22 '§8509. Uniformity of interpretation

24 This Act must be so construed as to effectuate its general  
26 purpose to make uniform the law of those states that enact it.'

28 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the  
summary the following:

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32 **FISCAL NOTE**

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

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42 **SUMMARY**

44 This amendment adds a provision allowing a state court to  
refuse recognition of a foreign judgment if there is not  
reciprocity, i.e., if the foreign court would refuse recognition  
46 of a judgment from the state court. It also adds language  
regarding uniform interpretation of the law and makes technical  
48 changes to correspond with the uniform law.