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STATE OF MAINE  
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1259, L.D. 1813, Bill, "An Act to Ensure the Continued Operation of an Information Center in Fryeburg"

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** it is essential to the State that a visitor center remain open without interruption in the Town of Fryeburg; and

**Whereas,** the efforts of the Department of Transportation and the Office of Tourism and Community Development in the Department of Economic and Community Development described in this Act are immediately needed to ensure the uninterrupted operation of a visitor center in that town; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, '

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



1. of 5.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1259, L.D. 1813

2 Tourism and Community Development to operate a visitor  
information center in Fryeburg in the same manner as they operate  
4 other state visitor centers, with the Department of  
Transportation providing the land, infrastructure, building and  
6 structural maintenance and the Office of Tourism and Community  
Development providing the funding for operating expenses. The  
8 amendment allows an existing welcome center or another  
appropriate facility in Fryeburg to remain open under such  
arrangements without interruption to the visitor information  
10 services historically provided in that town by the Maine Tourism  
Association, Inc. This requirement is only in place until the  
12 Legislature approves a comprehensive plan for capital,  
maintenance and staff support for tourism centers statewide. The  
14 amendment also adds a fiscal note.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**