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20 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to S.P. 692, L.D. 1938, Bill, "An  
Act to Recognize Veterans of the Persian Gulf Conflict"

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

26 **'Mandate preamble.** This measure requires one or more local  
units of government to expand or modify activities so as to  
necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does  
not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures.  
Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21,  
two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have  
determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

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

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38 **'FISCAL NOTE**

This bill expands the property tax exemption for veterans.  
Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, the State is required to  
reimburse municipalities for 50% of the lost property tax revenue  
due to new or expanded exemptions. Future additional General  
Fund appropriations will be required for these reimbursements.  
The amounts can not be determined at this time.

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46 In addition to the reimbursement for the revenue lost, the  
additional administrative costs that will be incurred by  
municipalities as a result of this expansion of the eligibility  
48 for the veterans' property tax exemption represents a state

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2 mandate pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The amount of the  
future additional local administrative costs can not be  
4 determined at this time. Pursuant to the Mandate Preamble, the  
two-thirds vote of all members elected to each House exempts the  
6 State from the constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the  
additional local costs.

8 The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management  
will incur some minor additional costs to administer certain  
10 changes in veterans' eligibility entitlements. These costs can  
be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted resources.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds a mandate preamble and a fiscal note to  
the bill.