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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1693, L.D. 2399, Bill, "An Act to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Designate a Poison Control Center and to Adequately Fund Poison Control Services'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 252-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 252-B

POISON CONTROL CENTER

§1346. Official poison control center

1. Designation. The Maine Poison Center, located at the Maine Medical Center, is the official state poison control center.

2. Services. The Maine Poison Center shall provide clinical toxicology services through critical expertise and assistance in the diagnosis and management of poisonings.

3. Certification. The Maine Poison Center is encouraged to achieve certification from a national association of poison control centers by May 1, 2003. The Maine Poison Center shall achieve certification from a national association of poison control centers not later than December 1, 2004.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 4. Alternative funding sources. The Maine Poison Center
3 shall seek funding from other sources to fully support the level
4 of services it offers.

6 **Sec. 2. Report.** The Maine Poison Center shall report its
7 progress in pursuing alternative funding sources and the status
8 of its efforts to achieve certification to the joint standing
9 committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
10 appropriations and financial affairs and health and human
11 services matters no later than February 15, 2001.'

12 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
13 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
14 consecutively.

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

18 **FISCAL NOTE**

20 **2000-01**

22 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

24 General Fund \$255,000

26 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$255,000
28 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Human Services to
29 fund poison control services.'

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment designates the Maine Poison Center as the
35 official poison control center in the State, encourages the
36 center to achieve certification from a national association of
37 poison control centers prior to May 1, 2003, requires the center
38 to do so by December 1, 2004 and requires the center to pursue
39 alternative funding sources to fully support the level of
40 services it offers. It also requires the center to report on its
41 progress in pursuing alternative funding sources and the status
42 of its efforts to achieve certification to the joint standing
43 committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
44 appropriations and financial affairs and health and human
45 services matters no later than February 15, 2001.

46 This amendment clarifies that the Maine Poison Center must
48 seek funding from other sources.

50 The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill.