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**STATE OF MAINE  
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119TH LEGISLATURE  
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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1755, L.D. 2461, "Resolve, to Create a Commission to Study and Establish Moral Policies on Investments and Purchasing by the State"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the first indented paragraph and new title the following:

'Further amend the resolve by inserting after the title the following:

**Whereas**, Maine is a state that upholds the dignity of every human being, promotes basic human rights and supports social and economic justice; and

**Whereas**, Maine is a state that believes employers should fairly compensate hard work, that the health and safety of working people should be protected and that all forms of unlawful discrimination and abuse should not be tolerated; and

**Whereas**, many of the garments currently produced for Maine markets are manufactured in sweatshops characterized by poverty wages, forced overtime, child labor, an unsafe and unhealthy workplace and often abusive working conditions; and

**Whereas**, established international standards for the ethical manufacture of clothes are routinely violated by many apparel makers who supply our State's retail stores; and

**Whereas**, sweatshops have been and continue to be a direct cause of job loss and depressed wages for citizens of Maine, whose employers relocate for cheap labor or threaten plant closings to force lower wages and contract concessions; and



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workers. This amendment also removes the duty that the  
commission consider such factors as exploitation of workers and  
frequency of Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
violations by Maine workers.

This amendment also adds a preamble to the resolve.

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