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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1765, L.D. 2471, "Resolve, to Recognize Veterans of the Vietnam War in the State House Hall of Flags"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the first indented paragraph after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Further amend the resolve by striking out all of sections 2 to 5 and inserting in their place the following:

**Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved:** That the commission consists of 5 nonlegislative members: 3 members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. All members must be appointed no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The member appointed by the President of the Senate and the member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives serve as co-chairs. When appointment of all members is completed, the chairs shall so notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council and shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than August 18, 2000. The members of the commission serve without compensation or expenses; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved:** That the commission shall develop a design, choose a site, accept donations and make arrangements for the plaque and a flag or flags to be displayed in the State House Hall of Flags; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** That, upon approval from the

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1765,  
L.D. 2471

2 Legislative Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
shall provide necessary staffing services to the commission; and  
be it further

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6 **Sec. 5. Funding. Resolved:** That the chairs of the commission  
may seek and accept outside sources of funding. Prompt notice of  
8 solicitation and acceptance of funds must be sent to the  
Legislative Council. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the  
10 Executive Director of the Legislative Council and an accounting  
that includes amount, date received, from whom received, purpose  
and limitation on use of the funds. The Executive Director of  
12 the Legislative Council administers any funds received; and be it  
further

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16 **Sec. 6. Consultation; reports. Resolved:** That the commission  
shall consult with the State House and Capitol Park Commission to  
18 ensure the appropriateness of the design and location of the new  
plaque and the selection and placement of the new flag or flags  
within the State House Hall of Flags. When the commission has  
20 agreed upon an appropriate location and design, but not later  
than October 4, 2000, the commission shall submit its initial  
22 report to the Executive Director of the Legislative Council. A  
final report must be submitted to the Executive Director of the  
24 Legislative Council by November 1, 2000. Upon submission of its  
required reports, the commission terminates; and be it further

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28 **Sec. 7. Future process; recommendations; authorization to report out  
legislation. Resolved:** That the Maine Historic Preservation  
Commission shall develop and recommend a more formal and  
30 permanent process through which future requests for adding new  
plaques, flags or other commemorative items to the State House  
32 Hall of Flags will be considered. If ultimately adopted by the  
Legislature, this process would replace the current process of  
34 creating a special commission to develop the design and location  
for each new plaque, flag or other commemorative item to be  
36 placed within the State House Hall of Flags. The Maine Historic  
Preservation Commission shall make its recommendations in writing  
38 by November 15, 2000 to the Executive Director of the Legislative  
Council and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature  
40 having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.  
After receipt of the report, the committee may report out  
42 legislation, based on the commission's recommendations, to the  
First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature; and be it further

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46 **Sec. 8. Allocation. Resolved:** That the following funds are  
allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the  
48 purposes of this resolve.

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**LEGISLATURE**

**Commission to Arrange for a  
Plaque and a Flag or Flags  
to be Displayed in the Hall of  
Flags in the State House**

All Other \$500

Provides for the allocation of funds for costs associated with a plaque and a flag or flags honoring veterans of the Vietnam War from Maine in the Hall of Flags in the State House.' '

**FISCAL NOTE**

Authorizing the commission to accept funds from donations may result in the collection of Other Special Revenue funds in fiscal year 2000-01. As amended, this resolve includes an Other Special Revenue funds allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Legislature to authorize expenditures from this dedicated account.

The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the commission during the interim between legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing budgeted resources.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment makes technical changes to bring the resolve into conformance with the Legislative Council's guidelines for commissions. The amendment also specifies that commission members may not be Legislators and serve without compensation. The amendment incorporates the change from Senate Amendment "A" (S-540).

SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative AHEARNE)

TOWN: Madawaska