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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 983, L.D. 2537, Bill, "An Act to Promote Historic and Scenic Preservation"

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

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSa §5730 is enacted to read:

§5730. Historic and scenic preservation

Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 8, Subsection 5, a municipality may raise or appropriate money to reimburse taxpayers for a portion of taxes paid under Title 36, Part 2 on real property if the property owner agrees to maintain the property in accordance with criteria that are adopted by ordinance by the governing legislative body of the municipality and that provide for maintaining the historic integrity of important structures or providing a scenic view. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission shall provide guidance, if requested by a municipality, in implementing this section.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment implements the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 8,

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Subsection 5 adopted by the voters in November 1999. The amendment authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances to provide reimbursement for property taxes on real property if the owner agrees to maintain the historic integrity of an important structure or provide a scenic view.

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