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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 1012, L.D. 2580, "An Act to Provide Legal Access to Marijuana for Medical Use"

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

'Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the marijuana for medical purposes law enacted by the voters in November 1999 did not address methods of providing access to marijuana for medical purposes and other implementation and enforcement issues; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Task force. Resolved: That the Attorney General shall convene a task force to study implementation of the marijuana for medical purposes law and to recommend steps to implement the law and provide access to marijuana for medical purposes. The task force shall study the marijuana for medical purposes law enacted by the voters in November 1999, methods of

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providing access to marijuana for medical purposes and other
implementation and enforcement issues.

The task force must be broadly representative and must
include representatives of the following groups and interests:
health care professionals, Legislators, law enforcement, public
policy specialists, advocates for the medical use of marijuana
and interested members of the public. Legislative members must
be appointed as follows:

1. After consultation with the Attorney General, the
President of the Senate shall appoint 2 Senators; and

2. After consultation with the Attorney General, the
Speaker of the House shall appoint 5 Representatives. When
making the appointments, the Speaker shall give preference to
members from the following committees: the Joint Standing
Committee on Criminal Justice; the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary; and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human
Services.

Task force meetings must be public meetings. By October 1,
2000, the task force shall report its recommendations and any
suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health
and Human Services and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal
Justice; and be it further

Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
this resolve.

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**Task Force to Study Implementation
of the Marijuana for Medical Purposes
Law**

Personal Services	\$1,540
All Other	1,400

Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of legislative members of the task force to
study implementation of the marijuana for
medical purposes law.

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TOTAL**

\$2,940

