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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 1026, L.D. 2599, Bill, "An Act to Establish Fairer Pricing for Prescription Drugs"

Amend the amendment on page 9 by inserting after the first indented paragraph the following:

'Further amend the bill by inserting after Part B the following:

PART C

Sec. C-1. Commission established. The Commission to Study Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs, referred to in this Part as the "commission," is established.

Sec. C-2. Commission membership. The commission consists of the following members:

1. One Senator who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. One Senator who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by the President of the Senate;
3. Three members of the House of Representatives who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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2 4. Three members of the House of Representatives who serve
on the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources, appointed by
the Speaker of the House;

4 5. One representative of pharmaceutical manufacturers,
6 appointed by the Governor;

8 6. One public member representing consumer interests,
appointed by the Governor; and

10 7. One representative from the Bureau of Revenue Services
12 within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
appointed by the Governor.

14 **Sec. C-3. Chairs.** The first named Senate member is the Senate
16 chair of the commission and the first named House of
Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

18 **Sec. C-4. Appointments; meetings.** All appointments must be
20 made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this
Part. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be
22 notified by all appointing authorities once the selections have
been made. When the appointment of all members has been
24 completed, the chairs of the commission shall call and convene
the first meeting of the commission no later than June 15, 2000.

26 **Sec. C-5. Duties.** The commission shall study the implications
28 of and feasibility of establishing a state tax credit for
prescription drugs.

30 **Sec. C-6. Staff assistance.** Upon approval of the Legislative
32 Council, the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis shall provide
necessary staffing services to the commission.

34 **Sec. C-7. Compensation.** The members of the commission who
36 are Legislators are entitled to the legislative per diem, as
defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and
38 reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred for their
attendance at authorized meetings of the commission. Other
40 members of the commission who are not otherwise compensated by
their employers or other entities that they represent are
42 entitled to receive reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred
for their attendance at authorized meetings.

44 **Sec. C-8. Report.** The commission shall submit its report,
46 together with any necessary implementing legislation, to the
First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature no later than
48 December 31, 2000. If the commission requires a limited
extension of time to conclude its work, it may apply to the
50 Legislative Council, which may grant the extension.

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2 **Sec. C-9. Budget.** The chairs of the commission, with
assistance from the commission staff, shall administer the
4 commission's budget. Within 10 days after its first meeting, the
commission shall present a work plan and proposed budget to the
6 Legislative Council for approval. The commission may not incur
expenses that would result in the commission's exceeding its
8 approved budget. Upon request from the commission, the Executive
Director of the Legislative Council shall promptly provide the
10 commission chairs and staff with a status report on the
commission's budget, expenditures incurred and paid and available
12 funds.

14 **Sec. C-10. Appropriation.** The following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of
16 this Part.

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20 **LEGISLATURE**

22 **Commission to Study Tax Credits
for Prescription Drugs**

24	Personal Services	\$3,080
26	All Other	4,000

28 Provides funds for the per diem and expenses
of legislative members and expenses of other
30 eligible members of the Commission to Study
Tax Credits for Prescription Drugs and to
32 print the required report.

34 **LEGISLATURE**
36 **TOTAL** \$7,080' '

38 **FISCAL NOTE**

40 This amendment increases the General Fund cost of the bill
by \$7,080 in fiscal year 2000-01.

42 This amendment includes a General Fund appropriation of
44 \$7,080 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Legislature for the per
diem and expenses of legislative members and the expenses of
46 other eligible members of the Commission to Study Tax Credits for
Prescription Drugs and to print the required report.

48 The additional costs associated with providing staffing
50 assistance to the commission during the interim between
legislative sessions can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing

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2 existing budgeted resources. If the commission requires staffing
assistance during the legislative session, the Legislature may
4 require an additional General Fund appropriation to contract for
staff services.

6 The additional costs associated with participating as a
member of the commission can be absorbed by the Bureau of Revenue
8 Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial
Services utilizing existing budgeted resources.

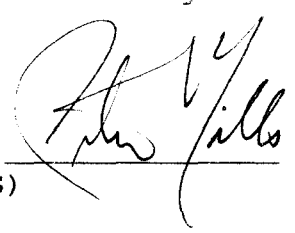
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SUMMARY

16 This amendment establishes the Commission to Study Tax
Credits for Prescription Drugs to study the implications of and
18 feasibility of establishing a state tax credit for prescription
drugs.

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