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**APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 60, L.D. 224, Bill, "An Act to Reinstatement Emergency Assistance for Dependents of Veterans"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act to Reinstatement Emergency Assistance for Veterans'**

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

**'Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 455, §25, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §505, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Financial assistance.** Financial assistance may be granted as follows.

A. The bureau may provide a grant of temporary assistance not to exceed \$200 per month and not to exceed \$600 in any 12-month period to a veteran in this State who has filed a valid claim for a veteran's pension, pending notification of the award of such a pension, if that veteran is not

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2 incarcerated and requests such assistance. For purposes of  
3 this paragraph, "claim for a veteran's pension" means a  
4 claim filed with the federal Veterans' Administration  
5 pursuant to 38 United States Code, Chapter 15.

6 B. The bureau may provide a grant of emergency assistance  
7 not to exceed \$500 to a veteran who suffers an emergency,  
8 such as the loss of that veteran's home to fire, flood or  
9 hurricane, that is not fully compensable by insurance;  
10 illness or the illness of an immediate family member; or a  
11 similar emergency. No more than \$1,000 in emergency  
12 assistance may be provided to a veteran in any 12-month  
13 period. For the purposes of this paragraph, "veteran" has  
14 the same meaning as "eligible veteran" in section 504,  
15 subsection 4, paragraph A-1.

16 C. A veteran who requests either temporary assistance under  
17 paragraph A or emergency assistance under paragraph B and is  
18 denied such assistance may request a reconsideration and  
19 review of this decision by the director. The decision of  
20 the director is final and may not be appealed to a court.

21 D. The department may adopt rules to implement this  
22 subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are  
23 major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
24 subchapter II-A.

25 **Sec. 3. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
26 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Veterans Services**

Positions	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$28,017	\$39,582
All Other	206,447	202,947

Provides funds for one  
Accountant I position, a  
computer and general  
operating costs to administer  
this program. This  
appropriation also includes

