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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 596, L.D. 751, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Maine Tort Claims Act"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
Administration - Attorney General		
Positions - Legislative Count	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	\$75,699	\$106,080
All Other	9,926	6,568
Provides funds for 2 Assistant Attorney General positions and related costs to represent the State.'		
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
TOTAL	\$85,625	\$112,648'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 **2001-02 2002-03**

10 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

12 General Fund \$85,625 \$112,648

14 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$85,625 in
16 fiscal year 2001-02 and \$112,648 in fiscal year 2002-03 for the
Department of the Attorney General to support the additional
18 costs of 2 Assistant Attorney General positions and related
expenses to represent the State in these matters.

20 This bill will increase the cost of liability insurance to
state departments and agencies by an amount estimated to range
22 between \$35,000 and \$65,000 annually. The ability of all
departments and agencies to absorb these additional costs can not
24 be determined at this time.

26 This bill may increase the number of civil suits filed in
the court system. The additional workload and administrative
28 costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed can
be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
30 Department. The collection of additional filing fees may also
increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Judiciary. The amendment adds an appropriation
38 section and a fiscal note to the bill.