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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 717, L.D. 932, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Maine State Housing Authority to Administer an Electric Assistance Program"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S4962.~~" in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 2, lines 47 and 48 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'A. Funds collected by an electric utility as determined by the commission pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3214;'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~S4962.~~" in subsection 3 by striking out all of the last sentence (page 3, lines 17 to 19 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following: 'The fund may be used by the authority to pay for the administrative expenses of the fund and operation of the program with the approval of the commission.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Electric Assistance Program Fund

2 All Other \$500 \$500

4 Provides funds for electric
6 assistance to low-income
households.'

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

12 FISCAL NOTE

14 2001-02 2002-03

16 APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

18 Other Funds \$500 \$500

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22 This bill establishes the Electric Assistance Program Fund
and requires the Maine State Housing Authority to administer the
24 electric assistance program established by the Public Utilities
Commission to provide electric assistance to low-income
26 households. This bill allows the Maine State Housing Authority
to utilize funds within the Electric Assistance Program Fund to
administer the program, with the approval of the commission.

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30 This bill provides base Other Special Revenue fund
allocations of \$500 in fiscal year 2001-02 and \$500 in fiscal
32 year 2002-03 for the Electric Assistance Program Fund within the
Maine State Housing Authority to authorize the expenditure of
34 funds from this program. The amount of revenue to be deposited
in the fund can not be determined at this time.'

36 SUMMARY

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40 This amendment amends the original bill by removing a 10%
cap on the amount of electric assistance program funds that the
42 Maine State Housing Authority could use to pay for the
administrative and operational costs of the program. Under the
44 provisions of the amendment, the authority's use of these funds
is subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission.

46 It also adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the
bill.