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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 968, L.D. 1292, Bill, "An Act for Voluntary Testing for Hepatitis-C of Adult Prisoners in the Maine Correctional System"

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

Sec. 1. Testing by Department of Corrections. To the extent adequate funding from the federal government is available, the Department of Corrections, referred to in this Act as the "department," shall offer a hepatitis testing and treatment program, referred to in this Act as the "program," to all adult prisoners under the supervision of the department, referred to in this Act as "prisoners." Nothing in this Act prohibits the department from offering any of the services described in this Act if federal funding is not available.

The program must provide testing for hepatitis-C to all prisoners that the department believes to be at high risk of being infected with hepatitis-C. During the first year of the program, testing must be offered to all prisoners whom the department believes to be at high risk of being infected with hepatitis-C. After the first year, testing must be offered to all new prisoners that the department believes to be at high risk of being infected with hepatitis-C. The program must provide pretest and posttest counseling for prisoners who test either positively or negatively for hepatitis-C. The program must also provide medical treatment for hepatitis-C, information on support groups, drug treatment services, immunization for hepatitis-A and hepatitis-B and case management services that connect prisoners with community resources upon discharge.

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2 Prisoners may not be required to participate in the program
or to submit to testing or treatment under the program.

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6 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8 **2001-02 2002-03**
10 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
12 **Correctional Program Improvement**

14 All Other \$500 \$500

16 Provides a base allocation in
18 the event federal funds are
available to provide
20 hepatitis testing and
treatment.'

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

24 **FISCAL NOTE**

26 **2001-02 2002-03**

28 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

30 Other Funds \$500 \$500

32 This bill includes annual Federal Expenditures Fund
34 allocations of \$500 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 to
establish a base allocation for the Department of Corrections in
36 the event federal funds are available for hepatitis testing and
treatment.'

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40 **SUMMARY**

42 This amendment replaces the bill. This amendment requires
44 the Department of Corrections, to the extent federal funding is
available, to undertake a hepatitis testing and treatment
46 program. The amendment also adds an allocation section and a
fiscal note to the bill.