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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 550, L.D. 1708, Bill, "An Act to Streamline the Administration and Enforcement of the Work Permit Provisions of Child Labor Laws"

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

'An Act to Streamline the Administration and Enforcement of the Work Permit Provisions of Child Labor Laws and to Enhance the Use of the Occupational Safety Loan Fund'

Further amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'PART A'

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

'PART B'

Sec. B-1. 26 MRSA §62, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1991, c. 9, Pt. HH, is further amended to read:

1. Establishment of fund. There is established in the State Treasury a special fund known as the Occupational Safety Loan Fund, for the ~~sole-purpose~~ purposes of making loans and grants in accordance with section 63, and of providing funds for the administration of that section. The loan fund must be administered by the commissioner. The department has authority over the loan fund and may do all things necessary or convenient in the administration of the loan fund and shall formulate and adopt rules pursuant to ~~the-Maine-Administrative-Procedure-Act,~~

2 Title 5, chapter 375 governing the administration, maintenance,
loan disbursements and, loan repayments, making of grants and
4 collections of the loan fund, and perform all other functions
which that the laws of this State specifically authorize or which
that are necessary or appropriate. All money and securities in
6 the loan fund must be held in trust by the Treasurer of State for
the purposes of the loan program established and grants
8 authorized under section 63 and may not be money or property for
the general use of the State, except that during the fiscal year
10 ending June 30, 1991, the State may transfer up to \$400,000 to
the undedicated General Fund revenues. The Treasurer of State
12 shall invest the money of the fund in accordance with law. The
fund does not lapse.

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Sec. B-2. 26 MRSA §62, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 372,
16 Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

18 **2. Loans and grants from fund.** The loan fund may make
loans and grants in accordance with section 63.

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Sec. B-3. 26 MRSA §63, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 372,
22 Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

24 The department may administer a statewide program to make
low interest loans and to make grants to improve safety and
26 promote healthful working conditions in factories, workshops and
workplaces in this State. This program ~~shall be~~ is known as the
28 Occupational Safety Loan Program.

30 **Sec. B-4. 26 MRSA §63, sub-§2-A,** as amended by PL 1991, c. 93,
§4, is further amended to read:

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2-A. Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine
34 **Workplace.** The Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine
Workplace shall review loan and grant proposals under this
36 section. The commission shall meet at least twice yearly for
this purpose in Augusta or any other place designated by the
38 chair.

40 **Sec. B-5. 26 MRSA §63, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

42 **2-B. Grant program.** The department may issue grants to
employers or to training or other service providers for services
44 to assist employers in providing a safe and healthful workplace.
The total of grants in any fiscal year may not exceed the total
46 revenue from interest payments and returns on investments
credited to the Occupational Safety Loan Fund in the previous
48 fiscal year.

2 **Sec. B-6. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this
Part.

	2001-02	2002-03
LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF		
Occupational Safety Loan Fund		

All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
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14 Provides for the allocation
16 of funds for safety and
18 health grants to eligible
recipients.'

20 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

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

FISCAL NOTE

	2001-02	2002-03
APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS		
Other Funds	\$30,000	\$30,000

36 The additional costs associated with issuing and
administering certain grants can be absorbed by the Department of
Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards utilizing existing budgeted
resources.

40 The Department of Labor will require an increased allocation
in the Occupational Safety Loan Fund program in order to issue
certain grants to eligible recipients. The current loan fund is
administered by both the Department of Labor and the Finance
Authority of Maine. Fund balances exist with both
organizations. As of May 24, 2001, the balance of the fund
administered by the Department of Labor was \$106,397. Interest
earned this fiscal year on that portion of the fund is \$6,098.
As of March 31, 2001, the balance of the fund administered by the
Finance Authority of Maine was \$525,690. Interest earned this
fiscal year on that portion of the fund is estimated to be in
excess of \$25,000.'

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SUMMARY

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6 This amendment changes the title of the bill and adds a new
part to the bill that would allow the Department of Labor to use,
8 on the advice of the Commission on Safety and Health in the Maine
Workplace, the Occupational Safety Loan Fund to provide grants
10 for services that would improve employers' workplace safety and
health performance. The amount would be limited to the fund
12 income from interest payments and investments in the previous
fiscal year.

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This amendment also adds an allocation and a fiscal note to
the bill.

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