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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 464, L.D. 634, Bill, "An Act To Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA c. 12-A, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §13070-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 648, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Duties. The International Trade Director, upon consent of the Governor and the commissioner, has the following duties and powers.

A. The director shall implement the State's policies with respect to development of international trade opportunities for the State's businesses and citizens.

B. The director shall serve as the State's diplomat and shall advocate within the State and abroad on behalf of the State and the State's international community.

C. The director shall serve as the president of the Maine International Trade Center established under Title 10, section 945 upon confirmation by the center's board of directors. The director shall oversee activities of the center and has the duties and responsibilities as provided in Title 10, chapter 107-B.

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2 D. The director shall advise the Governor, the Legislature
3 and the directors of appropriate state departments and
4 agencies on the steps needed to coordinate state policies
5 and actions on commerce and other business relationships
6 with individuals, businesses and governmental entities in
7 Canada.

8 E. The director shall represent the State at the national
9 level concerning trade matters between the United States and
10 Canada that involve the State.

11 F. The director shall answer inquiries from citizens and
12 businesses in the State and investigate and work toward
13 resolution of complaints that arise concerning trade
14 issues. The director may negotiate with individuals,
15 businesses and governmental entities of Canada on behalf of
16 businesses in this State, with their consent, to secure fair
17 trade treatment of products and services of this State.'

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19 Further amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2
20 and inserting in its place the following:

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22 'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following
23 appropriations and allocations are made.

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25 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

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27 **Administration - Executive -**
28 **Governor's Office 0165**

29 Initiative: Eliminates the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman position
30 and deappropriates the related Personal Services and All Other
31 funds due to the duties of the ombudsman being transferred to the
32 Director of the Maine International Trade Center position within
33 the Department of Economic and Community Development.

34	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
35	Positions - Legislative Count	(0.000)	(-1.000)
36	Personal Services	\$0	(\$74,058)
37	All Other	0	(6,500)
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39	General Fund Total	\$0	(\$80,558)

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41 **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

42	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2003-04	2004-05
43	GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$80,558)
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45	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$80,558)

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2 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF**

4 **International Commerce 0674**

6 Initiative: Provides All Other funds due to the duties of the
8 Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman position being transferred to the
10 Director of the Maine International Trade Center position within
the Department of Economic and Community Development.

12	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
14	All Other	\$0	\$80,558
16	General Fund Total	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$80,558</u>

18 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**
19 **DEPARTMENT OF**

20 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

22	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$80,558
24	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$80,558

26 **SECTION TOTALS**

28	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
30	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0'

32 Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
34 consecutively.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This amendment repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
chapter 12-A, which created the Office of the Maine-Canada
40 Ombudsman within the Executive Department, and eliminates the
Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman position, which was established as
42 an appointed position to head the office. This amendment
transfers the duties of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman to the
44 Director of the Maine International Trade Center and transfers

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2 the funds appropriated for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman
3 position to the International Commerce program within the
4 Department of Economic and Community Development beginning in
5 fiscal year 2004-05.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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12 SPONSORED BY: 
13 (Senator CATHCART)

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COUNTY: Penobscot

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**121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



LD 634

An Act to Provide Funding for the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman

LR 0898(05)

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment *A* to Committee Amendment *A*

Sponsor: Sen. Cathcart

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	(\$125,875)	(\$128,707)	(\$131,925)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$125,875)	(\$128,707)	(\$131,925)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment decreases the General Fund cost of the bill by \$125,875 in fiscal year 2004-05. It includes a General Fund deappropriation of \$80,558 in fiscal year 2004-05 as a result of the elimination of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman position within the Executive Department. It also includes an off-setting General Fund appropriation of \$80,558 in fiscal year 2004-05 to transfer the duties of the Maine-Canada Trade Ombudsman to the Director of the Maine International Trade Center within the Department of Economic and Community Development.

As amended, the bill results in no net fiscal impact to the General Fund in fiscal year 2004-05.