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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 675, L.D. 918, Bill, "An Act To Designate the Department of Economic and Community Development as the Lead Agency in the State's Response to Certain Events"

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

**'An Act Concerning the Provision of Information and Services to Businesses and Workers in Response to Certain Events'**

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13056, sub-§8 is enacted to read:**

**8. Lead agency for business assistance in response to certain events. Be the lead agency for the State to provide information and business assistance to employers and businesses as part of the State's response to an event that causes the Department of Labor to carry out rapid-response activities as described in 29 United States Code, Sections 2801 to 2872 (2002).**

**Sec. 5. Department of Labor to develop directory.** The Department of Labor, within 90 days from the effective date of this Act, shall develop a directory of relevant and appropriate agencies and organizations whose resources could be beneficial to laid-off workers. The directory must be made available to employers and others involved in developing community responses to small or large events involving layoffs of workers.'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

**SUMMARY**

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This amendment designates the Department of Tourism, Economic and Community Development as the lead agency for providing information and business assistance to employers and businesses in response to an event that triggers rapid-response activities. The bill would have designated that department as the lead agency for the entire State response to such an event. The amendment retains for the Department of Labor its current role as the lead agency for providing assistance to workers affected by such an event and directs the Department of Labor, within 90 days from the effective date of the Act, to develop a directory of organizations that can provide resources to laid-off workers.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

Approved: 04/20/03 *MAC*

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



**LD 918**

**An Act Concerning the Provision of Information and Services to  
Businesses and Workers in Response to Certain Events**

**LR 1812(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Business, Research and Economic Development**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - General Fund