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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 786, L.D. 1068, Bill, "An Act To Require an Updated Roster of Maine Members of the United States Armed Forces Presumed Lost or Deceased"

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

'Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Veterans' Services To Provide Assistance To Obtain Information Regarding Maine Members of the United States Armed Forces Presumed Lost or Deceased'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Preamble. Whereas, the citizens of the State have dutifully supported the United States Armed Forces through faithful service in war and in peace; and

Whereas, many of her sons and daughters have made the supreme sacrifice in the preservation of peace and liberty throughout the world during their service in the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, those who have died or are presumed lost during such service as well as their surviving family members merit all honors and benefits due them in accordance with state and federal law; and

Whereas, the citizens of the State have a right to the fullest possible accounting of all Maine members of the United States Armed Forces who are presumed lost or deceased during

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2 their active military service, regardless of whether the presumed
loss or death occurred in operations during a recognized period
of war or conflict; now, therefore, be it

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6 **Sec. 1. Staff assistance; technical assistance. Resolved:** That the
Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau
of Veterans' Services shall provide to the best of its ability
8 staff assistance and technical assistance to assist individuals
in obtaining information that may be available from the
10 appropriate federal or state agencies concerning any Maine member
of the United States Armed Forces who is presumed lost or
12 deceased during the member's active military service, regardless
of whether the presumed loss or death occurred in operations
14 during a recognized period of war or conflict.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The
20 amendment requires the Department of Defense, Veterans and
Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services to provide
22 staff and technical assistance to assist individuals in obtaining
information regarding Maine members of the United States Armed
24 Forces who are presumed lost or deceased during their active
military service.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

Approved: 04/30/03 *MAC*



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

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An Act To Require an Updated Roster of Maine Members of the United States Armed Forces Presumed Lost or Deceased

LR 1099(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund