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L.D. 1815

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STATE OF MAINE
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121ST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1337, L.D. 1815, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§11.~~" in subsection 8 by striking out all of the first sentence (page 4, lines 9 to 11 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following: 'The Department of Labor shall provide the necessary staff support and absorb the cost for the operation of the commission with the exception of the costs related to the per diem and expenses for legislative members.'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§11.~~" in subsection 9 in paragraph F in the first line (page 4, line 50 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Legislature" and inserting in its place the following: 'joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters'

Further amend the amendment in section 2 in that part designated "~~§11.~~" by striking out all of subsection 10 (page 5, lines 9 to 17 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

'10. Outside funding. The commission may seek and accept outside funding to fulfill commission duties. All funds accepted must be forwarded to the Department of Labor, along with an accounting that includes the amount received, the date that amount was received, from whom that amount was received, the purpose of the donation and any limitation on use of the funds. The Department of Labor administers any funds received.'

SENATE AMENDMENT

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

4 'Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following
appropriations and allocations are made.

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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

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Employment Services Activity 0852

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12 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the staffing and general
operating expenses of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission.

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| General Fund | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| All Other | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| General Fund Total | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$10,000</u> |

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SUMMARY

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This amendment provides ongoing funds for the Department of
Labor for the staffing and general operating expenses of the
Citizen Trade Policy Commission with the exception of the costs
associated with legislative members.

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This amendment authorizes the commission to seek outside
funding from other sources and requires the Department of Labor
to administer the fund.

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This amendment requires that the commission submit its
recommendations to the joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters, rather than
to the full Legislature.

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L.D. 1815

2 This amendment also strikes the appropriation to the
Legislature in accordance with the Legislative Council action of
4 April 27, 2004. The amendment also adds an appropriations and
allocations section to fund the Department of Labor.

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8 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
(See attached)

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12 SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator CATHCART)

14 COUNTY: Penobscot
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SENATE AMENDMENT



121st Maine Legislature
Office of Fiscal and Program Review

LD 1815

An Act To Establish the Maine Jobs, Trade and Democracy Act

LR 2551(11)

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 | (\$2,370) | (\$2,370) | (\$2,370) |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | (\$2,370) | (\$2,370) | (\$2,370) |
| Other Special Revenue Funds | \$0 | (\$500) | (\$500) | (\$500) |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$2,370 per year beginning in fiscal year 2004-05. A \$500 Other Special Revenue Funds allocation to the Legislature is removed.

As amended, this bill includes on-going General Fund appropriations of \$10,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2004-05 to the Employment Services Activity program within the Department of Labor for the staffing and general operating expenses of the Commission with the exception of the costs associated with legislative members.

Costs associated with the per diem and expenses for legislative members of the Citizen Trade Policy Commission, estimated to be \$2,520 in fiscal year 2004-05, will be absorbed by the Legislative budget.

As amended, this bill authorizes the commission to seek outside funding from other sources and requires the Department of Labor to administer the fund. Sufficient Other Special Revenue Funds allocations exist within the Employment Services Activity program in the Department of Labor for any outside funding that may be received by the commission.